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Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 25, 1882

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

C. D. No. 71, for \$393.¹⁶ being on account of melting & alloy charges enclosed in your communication of the 12th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

April 25, 1882

Supt. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5519, for \$1,000.- being on account of profits on medals enclosed in your communication of the 14th. inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your medal fund account and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

April 25, 1882

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia

Sir:

C. D. No. 5520, for \$518.²⁵ being on account of sales of old material enclosed in your communication of the 14th. instant, has been re-

ceived, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a 'Miscellaneous receipt.'

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

April 25, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending March 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

April 25, 1882

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Medal Fund account for the quarter ending March 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

April 25, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery & St. Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending March 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

April 25, 1882

Supt. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & St. Silver Dollar Expense accounts for the month ending March 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor

April 25, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending March 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg. Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.

April 25, 1882.

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending March 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

First Auditor,

April 25, 1882

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery and Statistical Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending March 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 25, 1882

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Statistical Expense accounts for the month ending March 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg Director

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.

April 26, 1882

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending March 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor

April 26, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City Nev. for the month ending March 31, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

April 26, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending March 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 25, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith, for the signature of the Assayer, report No. 576 of "Silver Bullion Deposited" belonging to your Bullion Accounts for the first quarter, 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 25, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans,

Sir:

The distance from New Orleans, La. to Plainfield, N. J., as stated in your letter of the 21st instant is correct, viz: 1353 miles.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

April 25, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to Voucher #117 of your Ordinary Expense account for the month of March 1882, bill for 5 copies of Gopsills Directory, I have to say that while I have approved the purchase I very much doubt the necessity for more than one copy to supply the needs of your institution.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,
Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York City.

April 25, 1882

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 24th. instant, I enclose herewith copy of Bill recently passed the House of Representatives, to authorize the receipt of United States gold coin in exchange for gold bars, by the Superintendent of the coinage mints and the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

April 25, 1882

Sir:

I have received what purports to be your bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1882. The papers received at this office consist of abstract sheets and the accounts. No vouchers have reached this office covering the transactions embraced on the abstract sheets or in the accounts.

You will please forward the Mint receipts and the accompanying certificates of deposit and the reports of the Assayer as vouchers for the examination of the accounts.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.,

April 20, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to Certificate of gold deposit No. 252, drawn in favor of John Bemp March 16, 1882 for \$106.⁷⁵, for which amount he has receipted, your attention is directed to the fact that the entry of this payment on your abstract sheets is \$104.⁵⁰, being \$2.²⁵ less than the amount of the certificate. The amount entered on the abstract sheet appears to be correct from the value of the gold deducting the charges, and the certificate is herewith returned for correction together with the Mint receipt.

Please attend to this and return the corrected certificate at your earliest convenience so that your accounts can go forward.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 26, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith Mint Receipt No. 430 drawn in favor of E. C. Palmer & Co. and endorsed 'E. C. Palmer & Co. per W. W. Carter'.

You will please furnish the necessary authority for W. W. Carter to sign for E. C. Palmer & Co.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 26, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to Gold Assay Reports #131, 136, 142, and 149, accompanying your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter of 1882, I will thank you to inform this office why the amount of the parting charge imposed in each case was in excess of that authorized by the regulations.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

April 26, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th. instant advising of the shipment by express of 3 gold, 24 silver and 12 bronze United States Army marksmanship medals, first and third class prizes.

The medals have been delivered by the Express Company and I have this day transmitted them to Gen. S. V. Benét, Chief of Ordnance, War Department, with the request that a draft for \$465.⁵³ in your favor be transmitted to the care of this office.

As soon as the draft is received, the same will be transmitted you together with the medal fund vouchers properly signed.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Carson City, Nev.

April 26. 1882

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to forward each quarter with your Bullion Accounts a summary of the Abstract sheets showing the total gold and silver deposited and purchased, total charges and total payments.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Gen. S. V. Benit,
 Brig. General, Chief of Ordnance,
 War Department.

April 26. 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith 3 gold army marksmanship medals of the first class, 24 silver marksmanship medals of the third class and 12 bronze medals of the first and third class together with the bills for the metal contained therein and the mounting, amounting in the aggregate to \$465.⁸³, for which sum I have to request that you will cause a draft to be transmitted to this office in favor of A. Gordon Snowden Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the medals.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. April 27, 1882

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and ninety six hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, April 27, 1882
New Orleans.

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty five thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and ninety six hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, April 27, 1882
Carson, Nevada.

Offer of John Scott accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer, April 27, 1882
San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Handy & Cronise, Helmeich & Hansen,
24 Nassau Street, N.Y. San Francisco.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

April 27, 1882

San Francisco.

Receive from Daniel Meyer thirty five thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and three tenths cents per ounce from Helmsch & Hansen one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Reston,

Acting Director.

W. London Snowden, Esq.

April 27, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury ^{or for delivery at your Mint} of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of

Handy & Cronise, 1765.000 Ounces at \$1,1499

Very respectfully,

R. E. Reston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

April 27, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of One Thousand Fifty Six $\frac{73}{100}$

Dollars, (\$1,066.⁷³) in Gold Coin and Eight $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars (\$8.⁶¹) in Silver Coin, making a total of one Thousand Sixty-Five $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars, (\$1,065.⁷⁷) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 636, dated April 24, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

April 27, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa. of the sum of Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty Three $\frac{12}{100}$ Dollars, (\$11,953.¹²) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred Sixty $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars, (\$360.²³) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen $\frac{35}{100}$ Dollars, (\$12,313.³⁵) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 439, dated Mch 18, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

April 27, 1882

Assayer, Charlotte.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8256, for \$69.⁵⁰, being on account

One assay, enclosed in your communication of the 24th. inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

The original certificate should always be forwarded to this office for endorsement.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor

April 27. 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the Quarter ending December 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

April 27. 1882

Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have examined & referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending December 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

April 27, 1882

Sir,

I sent you by mail a few days since a supply of form No. 211 for reporting the loss on sale of Melted and Refiners sweeps and the mode and basis of reimbursements of form No. 212, for the same of Coiners sweeps and of form No. 213 covering the wastages of the operative officers during the year and the reimbursements. Forms, Nos. 211st & 212 are intended to accompany your bullion accounts whenever there have been any sales of sweeps during the quarter and you will please make the reimbursements prescribed by the regulations at the date when the sweeps are sold.

Form No. 213 will accompany your bullion account for the last quarter of each fiscal year and it is desired that the wastage of the operative officers shall be reimbursed in the accounts of the last quarter of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

W. B. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco,

James Crawford,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.

April 27, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward your Bullion Accounts for the first quarter of the present calendar year as soon as they can be conveniently prepared without interfering with the regular business of your office, in order that if possible they may be examined and settled before the close of the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Reston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.Supt. U. S. Mint,
Canton, Mo.Hon. Charles J. Folger,

April 27, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the United States at Denver, Col. be increased Fifty Thousand Dollars \$50,000. by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be transmitted the Assayer in charge of said Mint in U. S. gold coin or currency.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Reston,

Acting Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

April 27, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased "\$50,000.-" by a transfer of that amount and that the same be transmitted you in gold coin or currency.

I have requested this advance in order that you may be supplied with funds to make payments for deposits and to avoid the necessity of telegraphing.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

April 27, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Please forward your quarterly statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1882. This statement should be forwarded at the close of each quarter.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

April 27, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th. inst. requesting 500 Memoranda of Silver Bullion Purchased, I have to say that in consequence of the time it would require to furnish them

from here you are hereby authorized to have them printed in your city.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

April 27, 1882

Supt U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion accounts for the fourth quarter 1881, this day forwarded to the Auditor, I have to inform you that I have changed the opening and closing balances of the gold and silver coin accounts taken up on your summary statement.

You neglected in taking up the summary of the transactions of the quarter to charge the gold coin with the entire balance including the amount of assay coins on hand and erroneously took credit for the coins reserved for assay during the quarter making the closing balance in each case less than the amount called for by the accounts and on your balance sheet.

I do not understand how such an error as this could be made and while I dislike to send your accounts to the accounting officers with any interlineations or corrections in pencil I have decided that it is better to do so than to wait the length of time required to return them to your city for correction.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Messrs Kearney & Swatchchild
 133 & 135 State Street, Chicago Ill.

April 27, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 18th. instant forwarding two watch cases for melt & assay, and enclosing \$2.~ to pay expenses of same, has been received and in reply I enclose herewith Assayers Report upon watch cases No. 62,525 and 4,540.

The value of the gold contained in the cases \$11.90, is herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

April 28, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram Similar telegram sent to
 Superintendent Mint,
Carson City.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

April 28, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and fifteen cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

First Auditor

April 28, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 28, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Dec 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor

April 28, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Denver, for the quarter ending March 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

W. Silver Esq.,

April 28, 1882

Assayer, Denver,
Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Gordon Snowden,

April 28, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Sir:

I send you by express to-day \$2.⁷⁴ in silver coin to pay for a silver proof set forwarded by you to this office on the 20th. inst.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger

April 28, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that owing to the special examinations which have been required in the Mint Service during the present fiscal year and the change in the Superintendents of the Assay Office at New York and the Mint at San Francisco, the appropriation made for contingent expenses of this office will be insufficient to complete the service of the year.

Early in the fiscal year it was deemed important that a special examiner should be sent to San Francisco, to investigate certain

charges which had been made in regard to the conduct of that Mint and the Hon. Alexander Ramsey was designated to perform that duty, and his expenses were paid from the appropriation in question.

The appointment of a successor to Thomas C. Acton as Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York made it necessary that an examiner should be sent there to assist in the weighing and counting of the coin and bullion in the hands of the retiring Superintendent.

The Director is now engaged at New Orleans in investigating certain serious charges preferred against the Superintendent of the mint in that city and the appointment of a successor to the present Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco will necessitate the sending of a representative of this office to that city to superintend the weighing of the large amount of coin and bullion in that institution and the transfer of the Mint to the new Superintendent.

The amount appropriated was based upon the usual examinations by officers of this bureau and the unusual examinations mentioned were not contemplated in submitting the estimates.

I have therefore to request that you will procure from Congress an additional appropriation of \$1,000 to complete the service of the year as follows:

Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint 1882. For Examination of Mints, expenses in visiting the Mints and Assay Offices for the purpose of superintending the

Annual settlements and for special examinations, "One Thousand Dollars".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

April 28, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st. instant returning statements #193 for the months of October 1881 to February 1882, inclusive, with corrections on the Decembernd January statements, I would say that while in the daily transactions it may be well enough to use short fractions in calculating the cost of the silver at the close of the month the calculations should be made so that the monthly statement No. 193 will show for itself the cost of the coinage, otherwise the Department has no way of knowing whether the profits declared from month to month are correct or not: that is to say the total silver bullion operated on during the month divided into the total cost of the same should give such a fraction which when multiplied by the number of standard ounces coined during the month, will produce the cost set opposite the amount coined, and whether it is done by long fractions or short ones is immaterial but what is essential is that the cost of the coinage should be calculated at the same rate as the cost of the total amount operated on during the month.

In order to avoid any criticisms and for the purpose of arriving as nearly as

possible at the actual profits on the coinage of the silver dollars, it is very desirable that the calculations of the cost of the silver consumed in coinage should be as nearly accurate as possible.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon W. S. Roscrans:

April 28, 1882

House of Representatives,

Sir:

I have forwarded to day to H. Gordon Esq., San Francisco, a copy of the Report of the "Production of Precious Metals" as requested by your reference of the 28th instant.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

April 29, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th instant enclosing a mutilated \$10.~ note with the request that the same be redeemed.

I have referred your letter to the Treasurer of the United States who will transmit you a draft for the proceeds of the note.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

April 29, 1882

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Mr. V. Davis, Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen and $\frac{93}{100}$ Dollars (\$152,214. $\frac{93}{100}$) on account of profits arising from the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

April 29, 1882

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to be deposited in your name, the sum of \$152,214. $\frac{93}{100}$ on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

April 29, 1882

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the

United States in the name of W. L. Dodge, Supt.
of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, the
sum of Three Hundred Fifty Six Thousand
Three Hundred Thirty Seven and $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars
(\$356,337.⁵⁶) on account of profits on the coinage
of standard silver dollars and that the bullion
fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer
of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 29, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the
Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury
in your name the sum of \$356,337.⁵⁶ on ac-
count of profits on the coinage of standard
silver dollars and that your bullion fund be
increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London, Snowden, Esq.

April 29, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office with
a statement showing the balance of silver
profits on hand at your Mint on the 31st. ultimo.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.,

April 29, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th. instant announcing your intended absence from the Mint.

So far as this office is concerned the arrangement you have made will be satisfactory.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 29, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" for the quarter ended March 31, 1882. You have omitted to enter the wastage of the Coiner.

You have entered the contingent expenses of the quarter as \$6,705.⁸⁵. Your accounts show them to have been \$6,532.³⁷ viz. in

January	<u>2,177.⁴⁵</u>
February	<u>2,210.⁷⁹</u>
March	<u>2,144.¹³</u>

Please return the enclosed statement with the corrected one.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

April 29, 1882

Sir:

I desire to direct your attention to corrected statement #193 for March 1882, returned herewith.

You forwarded a statement for March, on form #193 in which you neglected to deduct the silver wasted by the Coiner Mr Butler.

You then forwarded the enclosed as a "corrected" one, in which you entered the wastage but changed the number of ounces coined from 386.718.75 to 386.924.67 and the cost from \$397.086.¹⁶ to \$867.307.⁷⁷.

If the footings had been verified before the statement left your Mint, the error would have been discovered as the figures embraced in the statement amount to much more than the totals entered.

In view of the trouble and delay which has been occasioned by the repeated return to your Mint of statements and accounts for correction, I would again suggest that more care be exercised in their preparation.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

April 29, 1882

Sir:

I telegraphed you to day in reference to a bill of the Southern Express Company for shipping silver dollars amounting to \$27.⁶⁵ which was

embraced in the schedule of payments from the silver profit fund in your bullion accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1882, but which was not forwarded with the accounts, nor was the warrant for its payment.

As I am desirous of having the accounts examined and sent forward as soon as possible, I will thank you to forward the voucher named at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

April 29, 1882

Forward immediately a corrected statement number one hundred and ninety-three for March. One forwarded incorrect.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

April 29, 1882

Form number one hundred and ninety-three for January can not be found.

Forward duplicate to-day.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

April 29, 1882

Warrant and bill of Southern Express Company dated February eleventh for Twenty seven dollars and sixty-five cents paid from silver profits not with your bullion accounts. Forward immediately.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

W. Silber Esq.

April 29, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1882.

As you were previously informed the gains on bullion shipped the Mint and the transportation charges will be taken up for the year on the statement for the last quarter of the year, and not on your quarterly statement during the year.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint,

May 1, 1882

San Francisco

Coin nine hundred and fifty thousand standard silver dollars in May.

Horatio C. Burghard,

Director.

Superintendent Mint

May 1, 1882

San Francisco

Coin one hundred and fifty thousand standard silver dollars in May.

Horatio C. Burghard,

Director.

Messrs Handy & Brown

May 1, 1882

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

I am informed by the Superintendent

of the Mint at Philadelphia that you are short 28,000 ounces on account of your contract for the sale of 228,000 ounces at 114.88¢ made by you to the Department on the 20th. ultimo I have to request that you will deliver the balance without delay otherwise the Superintendent will be instructed to apply a sufficient amount of any silver delivered by you on account of your sale of the 27th. ultimo to fulfil your contract of the 20th. ultimo.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

May 1, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your telegram of to-day stating that Handy & Leonise are 28,000 ounces short on their contract of the 20th. ultimo I have this day advised them that they must deliver the balance due, otherwise I should instruct you to apply a sufficient amount of any silver received from them on account of any subsequent sale to complete their sale of the 20th. ultimo.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

May 1, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars

allotted to be coined by your Mint during the month of May is 800,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis Esq.

May 1, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir,

The number of standard silver dollars allotted to be coined by your Mint during the month of May is 400,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
New Orleans

May 2, 1882

In view of reduced coinage at your Mint the appointment of additional adjuster submitted twentieth ultimus seems unnecessary.

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

May 2, 1882

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Referring to your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1881, I enclose herewith for your information a statement of erroneous charges imposed during the quarter as shown by the Reports of the Assayer.

In the column marked "excess" the parting and refining charge imposed was the amount

stated in excess of that authorized by the Regulations and in the column marked deficiency the charge was the amount stated less than that authorized.

I forward this without comment for the reason that in your letter of January 20, 1882, explaining various charges in the third quarter accounts, you stated that some errors were likely to be found in the account of the fourth quarter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

May 2, 1882.

Supt. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$35,000.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$3,000.-

Wages of Workmen 1882 25,000.-

Contingent Expenses 1882 7,000.-

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.,

May 2, 1882.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1882 has been approved for the

sum of \$24,600.~ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$ 2,100

Wages of Workmen 1882 22,500

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

P. C. Van Wyck Esq.,
Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

May 2, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$5673.90 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$ 2823.90

Wages of Workmen 1882 2,100.~

Contingent Expenses 1882 750.~

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

P. C. Van Wyck Esq.,
Supt. Assay Office,
New York

May 2, 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for Parting and refining.

bullion.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

May 2, 1882

Sir,

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$15,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, Carson.

May, 2, 1882

Sir,

C. D. No. 697 for \$1040.⁰⁰, being on account of refinery earnings in March 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 4th. ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint, Phila.
Sir:

May 2, 1882

C. D. No. 5525 for \$98.~ being on account of assays of ore, enclosed in your communication of the 20th. ultimo has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

May, 2, 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year bills of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for freight from San Francisco to Winnemucca on one box of lead amounting to \$2.22.

I enclose herewith for your information only duplicate bill of lading.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

May 2, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of the Union Pacific Railroad Company for transportation of one box of stationery in January, 1881, from Kansas City to Denver consigned to your care, amounting to \$5.18, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

May 2, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1882.

The Mint receipts were not endorsed by the parties to whom they were made payable but upon consultation with the accounting officers it was decided that as the parties in whose favor the receipt was issued, had, in each case receipted for the money upon the certificate, it would not be necessary to return them, but hereafter you will please see to it that the receipts issued for bullion are properly endorsed.

Your attention is directed to the fact that you are paying more for the silver contained in

gold deposits than you were instructed to. The regulations state that silver parted from gold deposits should be paid for at the rate of \$1. per standard ounce. You have apparently paid more than that rate and while I have allowed your accounts to go forward without recommending any disallowance, hereafter you will be required to conform to the regulations in this respect.

Your attention is also directed to the fact that the silver deposited for bars is not calculated at a dollar an ounce in all cases as required by the regulations which you will please correct.

Hereafter you will please foot your abstract sheets.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr.

May 2, 1882

House of Representatives

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 1st. instant I submit the following statement showing for the periods named the mean of the highest and lowest quotation in each month as published in Messrs. Bixley & Abells Circular of the London price of sterling silver, 925 fine and the equivalent in United States money per ounce fine. It gives approximately the average price.

			Per oz. British Standard.	Per oz. fine.
Between	January 1/78	March 1/78	54 $\frac{3}{16}$ pence	\$1.18.78
"	March 1/77	" 1/78	54 $\frac{9}{16}$	1.19.05
"	March 1/78	" 1/79	57 $\frac{15}{16}$	1.13.85
"	March 1/79	" 1/80	57 $\frac{9}{16}$	1.13.44

		Per oz. British Standard.	Per oz. fine.
Between March 1/80	March 1/81	52 ³ / ₁₆ pence	\$1.14.40
"	March 1/81 " 1/82	51 ¹³ / ₁₆	1.13.67
"	Jan'y 1/82 " 1/82	52	1.13.98

The highest and lowest London quotation for silver for the calendar years named in your letter were as follows:

	<u>Highest</u>	<u>Lowest</u>
1879	53 $\frac{3}{4}$ pence	48 $\frac{7}{8}$ pence
1880	52 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	51 $\frac{5}{8}$ "
1881	52 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	50 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
1882 4 months	52 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	51 $\frac{7}{8}$ "

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.

Jno. C. Gaines, Esq.,

May, 2, 1882

Citizens Bank of Louisiana
New Orleans, La.

Sir,

Your letter of the 14th. inst. I found upon my table on my return from New Orleans. I regret that I was absent from my room when you called and that I had no time to spare subsequently to call upon you.

I have given to Mr. W. W. Hubbell the printed copy of correspondence and your views in regard to the issuing of coin metal. He has given attention to this subject and has devised a plan for a system of coinage combining gold and silver in one coin, and will, I have no doubt present to you his views upon the subject which will be of great interest. A bill is now pending in the House of Representatives upon which

the Committee on Coinage have made a favorable report.

Respectfully,
 Honatis C. Burchard,
 Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
 New York, N. Y.

May 3, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd, inst. enclosing the draft of a communication asking for the construction of a new Assay Office at New York City is received.

I see no objection to making the effort, as proposed, but as it is more difficult to obtain a large appropriation for the construction of a new building on the present site than to procure an appropriation for the improvement suggested a year ago by Mr. Acton, in case the former fails, I trust the latter will be secured.

I shall take pleasure in forwarding to the Secretary for presentation to Congress any communication that you desire to address me on the subject and in cooperating with you and have no objection (if you so desire) to your addressing Senators and Members of Congress directly, soliciting their support of the measure.

Respectfully,
 Honatis C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.
 Supt U. S. Mint.
 San Francisco, Cal.

May 3. 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion a bill of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific R. R. Co. for freight on spelter shipped you as shown by the enclosed duplicate bills of lading amounting to \$61.06

Very respectfully,
 Wm. C. Burchard,
 Director.

F. P. Wolfes, Esq., Agt.

May 3. 1882

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R. R. Co.
 Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement the bill of your Company for transportation of Mint supplies, in the months of July, August, and September, amounting to \$143.⁸⁸.

Very respectfully,
 Wm. C. Burchard,
 Director.

S. Guthrie Esq.

May 3. 1882

No. 91. Corcoran Building
 Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department bill of the Union Pacific Rail, R. Co. for transportation of

one (1) box of stationery in January, 1881, from Kansas City to Denver, amounting to \$5.¹⁵, also a bill of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. for freight from San Francisco to Winnemucca, on one box of lead amounting to \$2.²².

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Silver, Esq.

May 3, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year bill of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific R. R. Co. for freight on certain spellers shipped you during the present fiscal year as shown by duplicate bill of lading enclosed herewith, amounting to \$1.²².

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

May 3, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year bill of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R. R. Co. for freight on certain speller

shipped you during the present fiscal year as shown by duplicate bill of lading enclosed herewith, amounting to \$13.⁰².

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

May 3, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year, a bill of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific R.R. Co. for freight on copper and stationery shipped you during the present fiscal year as shown by duplicate bills of lading enclosed herewith amounting to 68.⁰⁸.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden Esq.

May 3, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward your bullion accounts for the first quarter of the present calendar year as soon as may be convenient without interfering with the regular business of your institution.

It is desired if possible that the accounts for the first quarter may be examined and settled before the close of the present

fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Landon Snowden, Esq.,

May 3, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined, approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion accounts, abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ended December 31, 1881.

I desire that the deficiency of \$2,678.¹² in your profit and loss account shall be made good before the close of the present fiscal year.

For this purpose you are authorized to use any surplus bullion which may accrue at the annual settlement either from the deposit melting room or any that may be returned in excess by the operative officers. In case a sufficient amount is not obtained in this way you are hereby instructed to transfer from your appropriation for the current fiscal year an amount sufficient to make up the deficiency.

I desire that in your accounts for the quarter ending June 30, of the present year, this deficiency shall disappear.

Hereafter you will please reimburse the accounts for the loss on sale of sweeps in the quarters accounts in which the loss is entered, so as to prevent any deficiency in future.

I would also add that the wastage of

the operative officers when determined at the annual settlement, should be made good in the accounts for the quarter ending with the fiscal year, and not carried over to the next quarter.

The Adjuster would prefer that you would render a "Summary" with your accounts, as heretofore, as it will facilitate the settling of the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

May 3, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th, ultimo enclosing bid of the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Company of Waterbury, Conn. to supply 200,000 pounds of 12 bronze planchets at 39¢ per pound received in response to advertisements inviting bids therefor. In accordance with your recommendation you are authorized to accept the bid of the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Company which is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

May 3, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders for transportation be furnished Mr. E. O. Beech of this office from Council Bluffs to San Francisco

and return the same to be paid for from the appropriation for contingent expenses, Office Director of the Mint.

Mr Beech visits San Francisco by my direction to superintend the count^{ing} and transfer from the outgoing to the incoming Superintendent of the U. S. Mint in that city.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Handy & Cronise

May 3, 1882

#24 Nassau St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant and am very glad to learn that you were not behind in your delivery on account of sale of the 20th ultimo and that the action of the Superintendent of the Mint in reporting you as short on your delivery of that date was based upon a misapprehension as to the time allowed for delivery.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor.

May, 3, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the month ending Mch. 31, 1882 undered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.,
Assayer, Charlotte,
Sir:

May 3, 1882

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending March 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,
Sir:

May 3, 1882

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis for the month ending April 30, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer, St. Louis,
Sir:

May 3, 1882

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

May 3, 1882

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending December 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.First Auditor,

May 3, 1882

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. for the quarter ending March 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.James Crawford, Esq.,

May 3, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank book of statements of Gold Ingots manufactured and as requested in your letter of the 24th. ult. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Louden Snowden Esq.
Supt. Mint.

May 3, 1882

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received during the month of April at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz:

2 Eagles	<u>\$20.00</u>
3 Half Eagles	<u>15.00</u>
4 Standard Dollars	<u>4.00</u>
Total	<u>39.00</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Wm Abell, Esq.

May, 3, 1882

Mint of the U.S.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Yours of April 26th is received. A petition signed by yourself and other employes of the Carson Mint, dated March 4th, 1880 was received at this office on the 31st of March of that year.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

P. B. S. Pinchback Esq.

May 3rd 1882

Weekly Louisianaian

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft No B. 16887) for \$6.75 drawn in your favor in payment of bill for advertising in the "Weekly Louisianaian".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. May 4, 1882
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fifteen and seven tenths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank, May 4, 1882
San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 Telegram Daniel Meyer, Hardy & Cronise,
San Francisco. 24 Nassau St. New York

Telegram Superintendent Mint, May 4, 1882
New Orleans.

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Com-
pany fifty thousand ounces at one hundred
 and fifteen and seven tenths cents per ounce
 fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, May 4, 1882
San Francisco.

Receive from Anglo Californian Bank Seventy
 five thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen
 and forty eight hundredths cents per ounce,
 from Daniel Meyer thirty thousand ounces
 at one hundred fifteen and six tenths
 cents per ounce and thirty thousand
 ounces at one hundred fifteen and eight

twelfth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram

Welmich & Hansen

May 4, 1882

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram

J. W. Gleason,

San Francisco.

L. Lacour,

San Francisco.

Similar telegram sent to

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Superintendent Mint,

Philadelphia.

May 4, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Wandy & Cronise 200,000 Ounces at \$1.1565

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department

May 4, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination

and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the quarter ending March 31, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia

May 4, 1882

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

First Auditor,
 Treasury Department,
 Sir,

May 4, 1882

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the quarter ending March 31, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
Assayer, Helena,
Sir:

May 4, 1882

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,
Sir:

May 4, 1882.

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the quarter ending March 31, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer, Charlotte,
Sir:

May 4, 1882.

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

May 4, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Refinery Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, for the month ending March 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

May 4, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Refinery Expense account for the month ending March 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis Esq.,

May 4, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st instant making requisition for two (2) tons of ingot copper and have to request that you will advise me how soon you will require the same to be delivered.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.
St. Louis, Mo.

May 4, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1882.

Please return the enclosed statement with the corrected one to facilitate its examination.

In regard to the entry of \$26.52 received for assays of ore and bullion, I would say that I have received no statement from you showing the assays made nor has the amount been deposited in the Treasury. The regulations require that all profits gains and charges shall be deposited quarterly in the Treasury of the United States. You will therefore deposit at the end of each quarter the amount of your charges for melting assaying and stamping any receipts from assays of ore separately and forward the original certificate to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia

May 4, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday transmitting oath of office of John Keenan, recently appointed a labourer in your mint I have to say that instead of the oath a blank form was enclosed which is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer, Helena
Sir:

May 4, 1882

C. D. No. 3832, for 162.²⁸ being on account of charges enclosed in your communication of the has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Johnson Bros.
Cor. 12th & 2^d Sts.
City.

May 4, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 3rd instant for one ton of Bee Stove Coal purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this office amounting to \$6.²⁰ has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

May 5, 1882

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho to that of the

Mint at San Francisco, Cal. of the sum of Five Thousand Thirty Three ^{and} $\frac{36}{100}$ Dollars, (\$5,033.³⁶) in Gold Coin and Sixty ^{and} $\frac{16}{100}$ Dollars, (\$60.¹⁶) in Silver Coin making a total of Five Thousand Ninety Four ^{and} $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars, (\$5,094.²²) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 8135 dated April 11, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

May 5, 1882

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Thousand Forty Six ^{and} $\frac{28}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,046.²⁸) in Gold Coin, ^{and} Fourteen $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars, (\$14.⁴⁰) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Thousand Sixty One ^{and} $\frac{35}{100}$ Dollars, (\$1,061.³⁵) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office, at Charlotte, N. C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 669, dated May 1, 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 5, 1882

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver bullion in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your Mint will be 115¢ per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

May 5, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th ultimo in regard to lighting the Mint by electric light I have to state that I deem it advisable that the Mint should be afforded the additional security which would inure from the use of the electric light and you are authorized to contract for two (2) electric lights provided the cost will not exceed more than \$2. per night the amount you are now paying for gas. I do not feel at liberty to authorize you to contract for any given period, but simply for the use of the light so long as it may be deemed advantageous or advisable.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

May 5, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of

May 1882 has been approved for the sum of
 \$11,422.-, payable from the following appropri-
 ations made for the support of your Mint dur-
 ing the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$1822.-

Wages of Workmen 1882 7,100.-

Contingent Expenses 1882 2500.-

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

May 5, 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper
 accounting officers of the Department for exam-
 ination and settlement payable from your con-
 tingent appropriation for the current fiscal year
 bill of the Star Union Line for transportation of
 one case of stationery from Washington to Chicago
 in January of the present year, amounting to \$1.29
 also a bill of the same company payable from
 the appropriation for parting and refining bullion
 for freight on 71 slabs of spelter shipped from
 Philadelphia to Chicago consigned to your care
 amounting to \$3.86.

I enclose duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

May 5, 1882

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Star Line for transportation from Philadelphia to Chicago in December, 1881, of one (1) box of merchandise consigned to your care amounting to 54². Duplicate bill of lading enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

May 5, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your quarterly statements of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1882.

The amount of your contingent expenses must agree with the summary of your monthly expense accounts covering the disbursements of the quarter.

Bills paid at this Department from your contingent appropriation are not to be included on your statement of earnings and expenditures.

The 33² which you state has been refunded by S. L. Boyd should not be deducted from your expenses for the quarter, but

either charged against you on your "account current" the same as a remittance, or else be deducted from one of Mr Boyd's bills in the future.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
 Assayer, Helena.

May 5, 1882

Sir:

C. A. No. 3915 for \$125.~ being on account of mineral assays enclosed in your communication of the 25th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint
 New Orleans.

May 6, 1882

Sir:

The following coins received during the month of April at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

4 Standard Silver Dollars \$4.00

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

H. Silver, Esq.Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

May 6, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment by you from your appropriation for contingent expenses the account of Robert Taylor & Co. for lead jackets, boxes, stirrers and melting pots delivered to Major J. M. Moore, Quartermaster U. S. Army at Philadelphia for shipment to your Mint. On receipt of the goods you will please remit Messrs Taylor & Co. a draft for the amount viz: \$213.⁷⁵

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

May 6, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th. ultimo in which you request that authority be given you to purchase two (2) small safes for the use of your office to furnish additional security and safety for the bullion and money entrusted to your care.

From your letter it appears that the safes are necessary and you are authorized to purchase and pay for the same from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messrs Robert Taylor & Co.
 Cor. 19th. & Callowhill Sts.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

May 6, 1882

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 4th. instant enclosing your account and the receipt of Major J. M. Moore, Quartermaster U. S. Army at Philadelphia, for Black Lead Jackets, Covers, Stirrers and Melting Pots delivered by you to him for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. I have transmitted your accounts to the Assayer in charge of said Mint with instructions to remit you a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 San Francisco, Cal.

May 6, 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Bulletin" and Alta Californian for proposals for supplies that will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

E. O. Leech, Esq.,
 Bureau of the Mint.

May 6, 1882

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed to San Francisco for the purpose of being present at, assisting and superintending

ing the transfer from Henry D. Hodge, the present Superintendent, to Edward F. Burton, his successor, of the coin, bullion and property in the Mint belonging to the United States, and on such occasion to make an examination of the condition of the Mint, its funds and property.

While on your journey, or not otherwise officially engaged, you are authorized to collect such information as may be in your power concerning the production of the precious metals in the United States, and to visit such localities as may be requisite for this purpose.

Your traveling and other necessary expenses will be paid upon presentation of your account accompanied by proper vouchers.

Respectfully,

Walter C. Burdard,
Director.

Edward F. Burton, Esq.,
San Francisco, Cal.

May 6, 1882

Sir:

I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mr E. O. Beech, the Adjuster of Accounts in the Bureau of the Mint, by whom I forward your commission, and who will represent this office in the transfer by Mr Hodge to you of the San Francisco Mint and of the funds coin and bullion and property of the United States in his possession belonging to the Mint.

From his official duties and experience, Mr Beech has become very familiar with the business operations and accounts of

the Mint, and I have requested him to give you such information and assistance as may be in his power to enable you (as soon as you are prepared and desire) to assume the office of Superintendent and enter upon the discharge of its duties. He will advise you as to what receipts must be given by you to the outgoing Superintendent and what accounts of the Mint must be closed and reopened.

You and Mr Dodge had better arrange for some day upon which the formal transfer and the execution of the usual papers shall take place. It would be desirable in some respects for the transfer to be made to take effect at the close of the month or quarter, so as to obviate the necessity of duplicating the accounts and pay-rolls, as well as to prevent delay in paying the employes for their services during the latter part of the month.

Should it, however, be deemed by you desirable at once to take charge of the office, Mr Beech is instructed to facilitate your wishes as far as he may be able.

Respectfully,

Horatio E. Burchard,
Director.

E. F. Ludwig, Esq.,
Supt. Gold and Stock Tel. Co.

May 6, 1882

Western Union Bldg.,
New York.

Sir:

It has become again necessary to call your attention to the lateness of the hour at which your silver quotations reach this office.

On Wednesday the telegram was not received here until after the close of business, on Thursday it was after 2 P. M. when received; on Friday it was not received until 3.53 P. M. and it has not been delivered up to 2.30 P. M. today.

It is important to have these quotations at as early an hour as practicable to be of service.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Silver, Esq.

May 6, 1882

Assayer, Denver.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$2000, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1882	\$ 900.-
Wages of Workmen,	1882	900.-
Contingent Expenses.	1882	200.-

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs. Pixley & Abell

May 6, 1882

#26 Old Broad St.

London, E. C.

England.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me of the terms upon which you would be willing to cable this office daily the London price of silver

we paying the expense for transmission of the cable here and your account for sending the same quarterly by bill of exchange on London.

Should we arrange with you to furnish the price of silver you would be furnished with a cipher code.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

John Mattawa, Esq.,
County Supt. of Schools,
Oshkosh Wis.

May 6, 1882

Sir:

Yours requesting a report and history of the U. S. Mint is received. There is no such work in existence but I send you by to-days mail copies of my annual reports for the years 1879, 1880, and 1881, which may serve the purpose desired.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. S. Brown, Esq.,
P. O. Box 100,
Mattoon, Ills.

May 6, 1882

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 3rd inst., you are informed that the Treasury Department does not purchase old coins, except as bullion.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint

May 8, 1882

San Francisco.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and fifteen and a quarter cents per ounce.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Carson.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

May 8, 1882

New Orleans.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fifteen and a half cents per ounce.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

May 8, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five and $\frac{11}{100}$ Dollars (\$7,275.11) in Gold Coin, and Sixty Seven and $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars (\$67.66) in Silver Coin making a total of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty Two and $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars, (\$7,342.77) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Col. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 690 dated May 4, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,

May 8, 1882

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th, instant enclosing certificate of deposit No. 8328 for \$80,000, deposited with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia on account of minor coinage profits.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Pope Cole & Co.,

May 8, 1882

57 Gay Street

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me by telegraph, the lowest rate at which you will deliver two (2) tons best ingot copper to the Mint at New Orleans, La.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.,

May 8, 1882

Assayer in charge,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Bills of the Central Pacific Railroad for the transportation of supplies for the use of your office, shipped in August last, amounting to \$10.⁴⁶ have been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses

of your office, fiscal year, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

May 8. 1882

Sir:

Bills of the Central Pacific Railroad for the transportation of supplies for the use of your Mint, shipped during months of August, September, October, and November last amounting to \$248.⁶¹, have been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 8. 1882

Sir:

Bills of the Central Pacific Railroad for the transportation of stationery and copper shipped to your Mint in August and September last amounting to \$334.⁹⁴ have been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

May 8, 1882.

Sir:

Bills of the Central Pacific Railroad for the transportation of specie shipped to your Mint in September and October last, amounting to \$416.⁴⁵ have been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

May 8, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$334.²⁹ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$234.²⁹</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>100.⁰⁰</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. J. S. Morrill,
U. S. Senate,

May 8, 1882.

Sir:

Enclosed I forward you a statement showing the deposits of United States gold coin probably defaced for that purpose, at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia for the last six months of the calendar year 1881. The ounces and declared value of each deposit show that nearly every deposit was 500. (or a multiple of that sum) of coin of full weight or within the legal limit of tolerance. The total amount is \$93,423.25 or at the rate of nearly \$200,000. per annum.

I also enclose you a statement showing the exports of United States gold coin and domestic gold bullion for the last nine fiscal years which shows that the greater portion is now exported in the form of coin.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York,

May 8, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
Register of certificates for the payment of Bullion deposits.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. John Sherman,
U. S. Senate,

May 8, 1882

Sir:

You asked me when I was before the Finance committee last Thursday whether the method of keeping the accounts at the Mints and Assay Offices would permit daily entries of the transactions in exchanging gold coin for bars, to which I answered that it would.

I have examined the daily reports made to my office by the Coinage Mints and the New York Assay Office, which show the varying balances at the close of business each day in those Institutions of coins and bars.

As you are aware, under Section 3545 gold bullion is received and paid for in gold coin or bars and under Section 3527, silver coins are exchanged for gold coins at par: hence, as the law now stands, the character of the Bullion Fund is daily changed, gold coin being received and paid out other than by transfers ordered by the Secretary.

The proposed exchange of bars for gold coin would, therefore, not in the least affect or create any difficulty in keeping the accounts.

I enclose you copies of the daily report made by the New York Assay Office and the daily and weekly reports made by the Philadelphia Mint

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

Henry Langford, Clerks Office
 United States District Court,
 New Orleans, La.

May 8, 1882

Did you forward and when the testimony
 taken by you in the late investigation?

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

First Auditor
 Treasury Department

May 9, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and
 settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the
 Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at
 Helena, Montana, for the month ending March
 31st, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of
 adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Russell B. Harrison, Esq.,
 Assayer in charge,
 U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

May 9, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper
 accounting officers of the Department for ex-
 amination and settlement your Ordinary
 Expense account for the month ending March
 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

May 9, 1882

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
 and fifteen cents per ounce fine.

Honorio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Confirmed

Similar Telegram sent to
 Telegram Superintendent Mint Superintendent Mint
New Orleans, La. Carson, Nev.

Russell B. Harrison Esq.

May 8, 1882

Assayer in charge.

U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
 Ordinary Expense account with Abstracts and
 Vouchers, for the month ending March 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
 Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.

May 9, 1882

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office.

New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
 Ordinary ^{and} Refinery Expense Accounts with Abstracts
 and Vouchers, for the month ending April 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 New Orleans.

May 9, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending April 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans

May 9, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of Mch, 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia

May 9, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith, the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of Mch, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.,

May 9, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses the account of the 'Bulletin' for advertising proposals for 1¢ blanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

May 9, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th. instant enclosing G/O No. 5,325 for \$566.⁵⁹ on account of refining charges collected during the month of April, also G/O No. 5,330 for \$217.⁰⁹ on account of other than refining charges collected during the same month.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messrs Pope Cole & Co.,

May 9, 1882

57 South Gay St.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver two (2) tons best commercial copper at 18½¢ per pound free of charge to the Mint at New Orleans is accepted.

I will thank you to ship the same without delay transmitting your account receipted

in duplicate, accompanied by bill of lading for the same.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

S. F. Emmons, Esq.,
 U. S. Geological Survey
 Interior Dept.

May 9, 1882

Sir:

I have received a copy of the Abstract of your Report on Leadville, Colorado. It is a valuable paper, and I am much obliged to you for sending it to me.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 New Orleans, La.

May 9, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th. inst., enclosing the explanation of the Assayer as to his reason for imposing an extra charge for parting on deposits 131, 136, 142, 149, is received.

The Assayer gives a good reason for imposing a toughening charge, but not a parting charge. The rates for parting or refining are required by law to be fixed by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, and the officers of the Mints have no right to change, increase or diminish them. An additional "Toughening" charge may, however, be imposed by the Superintendent, under Section 3524, and the Regulations, when the Assayer

finds as in these cases, metals contained which render a deposit unfit for coinage; but it should be reported and collected as a distinct "Toughening" charge.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

May 10, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City for the month ending April 30, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

May 10, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending April 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

First Auditor

May 10, 1882

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending April 30, 1882 undered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

May 10, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery Expense Accounts with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending April 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.

May 10, 1882

Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to increase your Bullion Fund by a transfer of one million standard silver dollars, to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger

May 10, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of one Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.

May 10, 1882,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30, 1882, with my approval except the item for matches in voucher #174 which is in excess of the contract rate and in consequence is disapproved.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

May 10, 1882

Supt Mint U. S.

Barren City, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,000.

to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Purifying and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
 Supt U. S. Assay Office,
 New York City.

May 10, 1882

Sir:

I transmit you by express to day small gold bar, valued as per stamp of your office at \$118.⁶⁵, left at this office by Gen. W. S. Rosecrans.

I will thank you to remit under cover to this office, a draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York in favor of Gen. Rosecrans for the amount.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans.

May 10, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Memoranda of gold bullion, No. 42. A

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

May 10. 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

6000 Memoranda of gold bullion No. 42. A.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

May 10. 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

5000 Memoranda of gold bullion No. 42. A.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson,

May 10, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Memoranda of gold bullion No 42. A.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Russell B. Harrison, Esq.

May 10, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$1,450, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$450.Wages of Workmen 1882 1,000. \$1,450.

Contingent Expenses, Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.James Crawford, Esq.

May 10, 1882

Supt Mint U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$10,500, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$2,000Wages of Workmen 1882 6,500Contingent Expenses, 1882 2,000 \$10,500

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.
 Supt. Mint
 San Francisco.

May 10, 1882,

Sir:

The following coins received during the month of April at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz:

3 Double Eagles	\$60.00
2 Half "	10.00
4 Standard Silver Dollars	4.00
Total value	\$74.00

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco.

May 10, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of March, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.,
Carson City.

May 10, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special Assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of March, 1882, and forwarded

for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco.

May 10, 1882

Sir,

I enclose herewith bill of the Empire Line Transportation Company, with duplicate Bill of Lading attached, for freight on supplies for the use of your Mint shipped from New York January 25th, 1882, and amounting to \$6.¹⁸ which has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans, La.

May 10, 1882

Sir,

Referring to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of April, I desire to call your attention to Voucher #174 - item for one gross of matches, which is found charged at \$2.⁷⁵ instead of \$2.⁵⁰, the contract rate. The attention of the accounting officers has been called to the excess of 25¢, otherwise the account is approved

and has been referred to the 1st. Auditor for examination and settlement.

In the matter of 97^c transferred to "gold coin" Petty Expenditure Voucher #4. to reimburse allowance for wastage, it will be necessary to forward a statement showing the amount of gold received and returned by Acting Coiner B. F. Butler for file with your accounts.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Handy & Cronise,

May 11, 1882

24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer of one hundred and fifty thousand ounces for Philadelphia, and fifty thousand ounces for New Orleans accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

May 11, 1882

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fifteen and forty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

May 11, 1882

Receive from Handy & Cronise and Boston & Colorado Smelting Company fifty thousand ounces, each at one hundred fifteen and forty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank
San Francisco.

May 11. 1882

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Bank of California,
San Francisco.Nevada Bank,
San Francisco.

Telegram

Daniel Meyer,
San Francisco.Hehnrich & Hansen,
San Francisco.

Telegram

W. V. Davis, Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 11. 1882

I have taken testimony upon charges made
against you only at New Orleans.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

May 11. 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made
this day at the Department by the Secretary of
the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the
following parties, at the rates and for the amounts
respectively named, which you will receive and
pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver
dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New
York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Handy & Currier 150,000 Ounces at \$1.1535

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

May 11, 1882

Assayer in charge

U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts & vouchers for the month ending April 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

May 11, 1882,

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$750.⁰⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$250.⁰⁰Wages of Workmen 1882 500. \$750.⁰⁰

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

May 11, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses of the current fiscal year the account of Pope, Cole & Co. for two (2) tons of ingot copper shipped

you. Upon receipt of the copper you will please remit Pape Cole & Co. a draft for the amount \$740.-

You will observe that this copper is to be delivered to the Mint free of all cost to the Government.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messrs Pape Cole & Co.

57 So. Gay Street,

Baltimore, Md.

May 11, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 10th instant enclosing B/k and duplicate bills for two (2) tons best commercial ingot copper shipped the U. S. Mint at New Orleans is received. The bills have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint with instructions to remit you a draft for the amount upon receipt of the copper.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Miss Ida J. Bartlett,

Pueblo,

Col.

May 11, 1882

Madam:

Your letter of the 5th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office, and in reply I will state that the price of a proof set of silver and minor coins, 1882, is \$4.- and upon your remitting that amount to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, he will forward you the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

May 11, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from Gen. S. V. Benét, Chief of Ordnance requesting that twelve (12) additional bronze copies each of the gold and silver army marksmanship medals recently received be prepared with cases.

I have therefore to request that you will strike the additional copies in bronze and forward the same with cases to this office.

The Chief of Ordnance also requests that of the marksmanship medals, the dies of which are now in course of preparation, you will increase the number of bronze copies from six (as heretofore ordered) to eighteen.

You will please transmit your bills in duplicate for the medals and cases to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

May 11, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the Coiners pay-rolls accompanying your Ordinary Expense Accounts for the months of March and April 1882, I desire to call attention to an error in the per diem allowances of Francis Hill. In compliance with recommendation contained in your letter of February 28th, approved under date of March 8th, this employé was transferred from duty as "Assistant Wighier" to "workman" with reduction of pay from \$4.25 to \$4.00 per diem.

to take effect from March 1st. He is carried on the rolls referred to as Asst. Weigher at a compensation of \$4.25 per diem.

I will thank you to explain why the compensation was not changed and reduced upon the rolls, and to state if there is any reason why he should have been paid a per diem above the rate authorized.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York

May 12, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 827, for \$7392.⁷² being on account of parting and refining charges collected during April, '82, enclosed in your communication of the 11th inst has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be carried into the to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

May 12, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 828, for \$210.⁴⁶, being on account of Mitting, Alloy Bar charges collected during April, 1882, enclosed in your communication of

the 11th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor

May 12, 1882

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending April 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

May 12, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending April 30, 1882, with my approval except in the case of overpayment to Francis Hill of the Coiners Department referred to in my letter of yesterday.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 12, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses the account of the "Day" for advertising for proposals for one cent blanks.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 12, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant enclosing Certificates of Deposit for charges collected during the month of April, I have to call your attention to the fact that the amount deposited on account of parting and refining bullion does not agree with the amount collected on account of such charges as shown by your report on form 83 of charges collected by you during the month of April. On this form you report the amount of "Refining charges collected" to be \$693.²⁵ while the Certificate of Deposit is for only \$566.⁹⁷ showing a difference of \$126.⁶⁶. The Certificate of Deposit for "Other charges collected" calls for \$217.⁹² while your statement shows only \$90.⁶³ as collected and in this amount is included the toughening charges amounting to \$44.⁹¹ which should have been deposited as Refinery Earnings.

I will thank you to furnish this office with an explanation of the discrepancies between

the certificates and your statement of charges collected during the month.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.

May 12, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith your statement of silver purchased during the month of April for correction as indicated in pencil, viz: purchase of J. W. Morrill, Treasurer, in 39,596.25 ounces at 114.72 ¢ per ounce is extended \$45,424.⁸⁶
 It should be 45,424.72.

There is also an error of 4 hundredths in the addition of the ounces on this page. I also return your statement of silver-bullion purchases and of coinage and transfers that it may be correspondingly corrected.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

May 12, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Nine Hundred Forty-nine ⁶⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$949.⁶⁹) in Gold Coin, and Seven ⁷¹/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$7.⁷¹) in Silver Coin, making a total of Nine Hundred Fifty-seven ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$957.⁵⁰) being the net value of Bullion

heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 713 dated May 9, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. J. S. Morrill
 U. S. Senator.

May 12, 1882

Sir:

I notice in the New York despatches that 1,000,000 of American Eagles were shipped to Europe yesterday from New York.

The coinage of these eagles, including the expenses of handling and transportation to Philadelphia and return, probably, cost the United States \$5,000, while to have made the same bullion into bars at New York and exchanged them for coin would not have cost the United States one tenth of that sum.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. D. C. Smith,
 House of Representatives

May 12, 1882

Sir:

Your reference of the letter of Gresham Martin addressed to you on the 6th inst., is received.

The legislation suggested by Mr Martin is unnecessary because United States coins having been mutilated are no longer current and are only worth their weight as bullion.

The enclosed notice has been printed

for the purpose of giving information as to the approximate value of mutilated silver coins and to secure their withdrawal from circulation, and bankers are purchasing the coins at about the rates indicated and forwarding them to the Mints as bullion.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. E. Spinner, Esq.,
 Little Rock, Ark.

May 12, 1882.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th. inst., informing me that persons in Little Rock buy up coins with little holes punched in them and fill them with lead or tin foil and pass them at par value, and asking if they can be arrested for such work, has been received.

I am not aware of any decision of the United States Courts passing upon the question, and can only give you my own opinion, which is, that the filling of holes punched in silver coins is prohibited and punishable, under Section 5,457 of the Revised Statutes, as the crime of falsely making, forging or counterfeiting the coins of the United States, or under Section 5,461, as making coins of the United States intended for the use or purposes of current money when not authorized by law.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

May 13, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers
for the quarter ending March 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt Mint U. S.

Philadelphia

May 13, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Refinery and Standard Sil. Dollar Ex-
pense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers,
for the month ending April 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.,

Assayer in charge

U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

May 13, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and
Vouchers, for the month ending April 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

May 13, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith additional table of distances from Philadelphia to certain towns to guide you in making payments for shipments of standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
Hon. C. Burchard,
Director.

James Carson, Esq.,

May 13, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Bill of the Central Pacific Railway Company for the transportation of supplies for the use of your Mint, from San Francisco to Reno in July and August last amounting to \$4.34, has been approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Hon. C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

May 13, 1882.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I enclose herewith duplicate bill of the Utah & Northern Railway for the transportation of supplies for the use of your office in May 1881, amounting to \$8.34, the original of which has been

referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

May, 13, 1882,

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.

Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I enclose herewith duplicate bill of the Utah and Northern Railway for the transportation of supplies for the use of your office in August 1881, amounting to \$80.⁴⁰ the original of which has been referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

May 13, 1882,

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.

Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I enclose herewith duplicate bill of the Utah and Northern Railway for the transportation of supplies for the use of your office in July, 1881, amounting to \$20.⁶⁷ the original of which has been referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard, Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

May, 13, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York calling attention to the insufficient facilities for the transaction of business at that office.

I concur in his opinion that the present building and rooms of the New York Assay Office are too small and inconvenient for proper transaction of the Public business at that office and I respectfully recommend that an appropriation be procured to purchase the property adjoining the grounds upon which the Assay Office stands and for the erection of a suitable building thereon.

About one year ago, the former Superintendent submitted plans for an improvement of the present building by putting a Mansard story on that part fronting on Wall Street, which met the approval of this office and the then Secretary of the Treasury and an appropriation of \$30,000, was asked of Congress. Copies of the plans are herewith submitted.

If an additional story could be erected upon that part of the Assay Office fronting on Wall Street without interfering, which I believe possible, with the extension of the Assay Office and the erection of a new building in the rear to Pine Street it is desirable that an appropriation of \$40,000, should be obtained for the immediate improvement of the Assay Office so as to afford the additional rooms and facilities now greatly needed.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.
No. 24 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

May 13, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 12th. inst., answering my request for information in regard to the amount of silver exported by you for the last six months of the calendar year 1881 has been received.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy.

In regard to the limit for exchanging gold bars for coin, I have asked the Senate Committee to amend the bill so as to authorize a melting and bar charge on the exchange of bars of less than \$5,000., and without charge above that sum. I had previously fixed the limit at \$5,000. in the draft of a clause which the House Appropriation Committee desired to insert in the legislative bill authorizing the exchange. In the bill as first prepared for the Coinage Committee I had made the limit of deposit for exchange \$500. and subject to the payment of charges. On consultation with you and the Officers at New York it seemed necessary in order to effect the desired object - that is, to prevent or diminish the export of coin - that the exchange should be authorized without charge. The limitation subjecting the bars to charges, was, therefore stricken out without increasing the limit from \$500. to \$5,000. as it should have been.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. R. Balch, Esq.

May 13, 1882

No 427 Walnut St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your request, I take pleasure in forwarding to you two copies of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the U. S. for the year 1880, and also send you copies of my reports, as Director of the Mint, for 1880 and 1881, which contain some information on the same subject.

If it is possible for you to do so, please send me your "list of mines of every state" or a proof of the list as it will be published in your forthcoming book. I am preparing a report on the production for 1881 and desire to correct my list and will give you proper credit.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor.

May 15, 1882.

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refining and Stand. Pil. Doll. Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending April 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 15, 1882,

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery and Stand. Sil. Dol. Expense accounts for the month ending April 30, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

May 15, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending April 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Russell B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.
Helena, Mont.

May 15, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending April 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.

May 15, 1882

Assayer in charge

U. S. Assay Office,

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of May, 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$500. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$300.

Fixtures and Apparatus 1882 200. \$500.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.

May 15, 1882,

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5,052, for \$24.00, being on account of Assays of ore enclosed in your communication of the 5th. instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be carried into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

May 15, 1882

Assayer in charge

U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5053 for \$2.⁶⁷, being on account of charges for melting stamping and Assaying enclosed in your communication of the 8th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Chas. S. Platt,

May 13, 1882.

4 Liberty Place,

New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th. inst. with copy of your letter to the Finance Committee of the Senate is received. I have proposed to the Committee that a melting and bar charge shall be imposed on all bars exchanged less than \$5000. value.

The melting charge is now \$1. per deposit of not over 1000 ounces, which on a deposit of only \$500. would be $\frac{1}{5}$ of 1 per cent. The bar charge added, will make the charges about $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 per cent and on \$100. over one per cent.

Respectfully yours,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

May 16, 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th instant stating that some time since you received a Challenge Laboratory Crusher from the Blake Crusher Company and that you have fully tested the same and find that it does not answer the purpose required and requesting to be informed as to what is best to be done with the same.

In reply I have to state that this crusher was purchased in compliance with your request of March 4, 1882, and is exactly the same kind as is used in the laboratory of this office. The machine is simply a crusher and is not claimed to be a pulverizer. No difficulty is experienced in this office in thoroughly cleaning it after each operation and I think if you will make further investigation you will find that it can be readily cleaned.

I do not see any other course for you to pursue than to make payment for the crusher as it was purchased at your request after an examination of the one in use in the laboratory of this office.

Certainly no misrepresentation was made to induce the purchase of the same. In the letter of this office ordering the crusher it was distinctly stated that it should be of the same kind as that furnished the laboratory of this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. W. S. Rosecrans,

May 15, 1882

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I enclose herewith \$118.⁸⁸ the proceeds of a small gold bar left by you at this office on the 10th. instant.

I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of the amount.

Very respectfully,

Hon. C. Burchard,

Director.

C. S. Platt, Esq.

May 15, 1882

4 Liberty Place,
New York.

Sir:

Please send me as soon as practicable an estimate of the amount of gold produced from ore, or native base bullion treated by you, contained in the gold bars made for use in manufactures, the arts and ornamentation during the year 1881.

Very respectfully,

Hon. C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter sent to
Messrs Ballbach and Sons,
Newark, N.J.

Selby Smelting Works,

May 15, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Please furnish me as soon as practicable, an estimate of the amount of gold bars made for manufacturers, for use in

the arts, during the year 1881, and what amount or proportion was from ore or domestic bullion, refined or treated by you.

This information is desired only to enable me to estimate the total amount of gold annually used in the arts and what portion is of domestic production.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

May 16, 1882.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety Eight and $\frac{29}{100}$ Dollars, (\$2,898. $\frac{29}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Fourteen $\frac{85}{100}$ Dollars, (\$14. $\frac{85}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen and $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars, (\$2,913. $\frac{24}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 738, dated May 12, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

May 16, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th. instant

requesting Four Registers of Deposit for the use of your office, I have to request that you will forward sample sheets with instructions thereon showing how many pages are necessary for each class of deposits &c. and how the books are required to be bound.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

May 16, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the month ending April 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

May 16, 1882.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending April 30, 1882, with my approval except Voucher # 228, Ord. Ex. the bill of which is erroneously calculated. The first item should be \$4.32 instead of \$4.80.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard, Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.

May 16, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. D. No. 794 for \$162.³⁶, being on account of Melting Charges during April, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 8th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Wmatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.

May, 16, 1882

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. D. No 795 for \$13,554.⁵² being on account of Refinery Earnings during April 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 8th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Purifying and Refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Wmatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

May 16, 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No 796, for \$168.³⁶ being on account of Alloy charges during April, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 8th, instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

May 16, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. transmitting "Report of Charges collected" at your Mint during the month of April 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

May 16, 1882

Sir:

I send you by to days mail 5000 Assayers transcripts of Gold Bullion and 1000 Gold Ingot transcripts. The 1000 transcripts of refined Gold Bullion required you are hereby authorized to

have printed.

I regret the indifferent quality of the paper used for these blanks and that they are not ruled in red ink, but trust that you will be able to utilize them.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

May 16, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Requisition Book and 500 Cashiers Summaries and as requested the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.,

May 16, 1882

Supt. Mint,
 Carson City.

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of April at your mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz:

One Double Eagle	<u>\$20.00</u>
One Half Eagle	<u>5.00</u>
Three Standard Silver Dollars	<u>3.00</u>
Total Value	<u>28.00</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Bernard Silver, Esq.

May 16, 1882

Assayer in charge,

U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Railway Company - Kansas Division for the transportation from Kansas City to Denver, of supplies for the use of your Mint shipped in July last, and amounting to \$29.¹⁰, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Prof. W. P. Blake,

May 16, 1882.

New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Yours of the 12th. inst. received and I send you by to-days mail another copy of my Report on the "Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. for the year 1880."

It is the intention, if Congress makes the necessary appropriations, to continue annually the publication of these reports.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

May 17, 1882

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at

Boise City, Idaho, for the month ending April 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wollers, Esq.

May 17, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

May 17, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the month ending April 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.

May 17, 1882

Assayer in charge, U.S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.First Auditor,

May 17, 1882,

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the month ending April 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.Russell B. Harrison, Esq.,

May 17, 1882

Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

May 17, 1852.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurers of the U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,

¹⁷¹Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

May 17, 1852.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the Bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of one hundred thousand standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

May 17, 1852.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of A. London Snowden Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at

Philadelphia, the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Six and $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars (\$293,676. $\frac{77}{100}$) on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia

May 17, 1882

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish me with the Post Office address of the New England Glass Company.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

May 17, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that there be deposited in your name in the Treasury of the U. S. the sum of \$293,676. $\frac{77}{100}$ on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

E. O. Beech,

May 17, 1882

Care U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Mr. Burtens bond approved. His entry on duty as he desires and settlement by Operation Officers early in June will be satisfactory to me.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S.

May 17, 1882

New Orleans.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayers report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of April, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Fred. K. Hazen, Esq.,

May 17, 1882

Gaffstown Centre,

N. H.

Sir:

Replying to your postal card of the 15th. inst., I do not think it possible to obtain a copy of the report on the Silver Commission except at second hand from some dealer or private party.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.

May 17, 1882

Room 91 Cassan Bld.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your bill of the Central Pacific R. R. Company, for the transportation of copper from Reno, Nevada, to San Francisco, Cal. amounting to \$111.27 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

May, 18th, 1882

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fifteen and forty three hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,

May 18, 1882

24 Nassau Street, New York.

Your offers of one hundred thousand ounces for New Orleans at one fifteen twenty six and one hundred fifty thousand ounces for Philadelphia at one fifteen twenty four accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Jas B. Colgate & Co.,
47 Wall Street, New York
Your offer accepted.

May 18, 1882

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Daniel Meyer, Helmreich & Hansen,
San Francisco. San Francisco.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, May 18, 1882
New Orleans, La.

Receive from Hardy & Cronise one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen and twenty six hundredths cents per ounce and from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company fifty thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen and forty three hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, May 18, 1882
San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Helmreich & Hansen one hundred and fifty thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen and thirty seven hundredths cents per ounce and from Daniel Meyer thirty thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco.

May 18, 1882

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

May, 18, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—
 Jas. B. Colgate & Co. 50,000 Ounces at \$1,1530
 Handy & Cronise 150,000 " " 1,1524

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

May 18, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. be increased Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said office, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

May, 18, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to inform you that I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the bullion fund of your office to be increased \$10,000. by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

May 18, 1882.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Bill of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for the transportation of 20,200 pounds of copper for the use of your mint from Reno to San Francisco in March last amounting to \$111.27 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

May 18, 1882.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a blank leaf or sheet from the "Cashiers Blotter" in

use at your mint - the book you was authorized to have made in your city - is I design having columns for silver and gold as well as for total payment.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Chas. S. Platt, Esq.
No 4 Liberty Place,
New York, N. Y.

May 18, 1882

Sir:

I have delivered to Senator Morrill, of the Senate Finance Committee, your communication in reference to the exchange of gold bars for coin, enclosed in your letter to me of May 12th.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mess. Woodward & Wright,
Nos. 38, 40 & 42 Canal St.,
New Orleans, La.

May 18, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th. inst., enclosing petition in regard to M. J. Davis has been received.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.
of Mess. Handy & Cronise
No. 24 Nassau St.,
New York, N. Y.

May 18, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. inst. received. I

enclose you a copy of the bill authorizing the receipt of gold coin in exchange for gold bars as it passed the House of Representatives, to which I have added an amendment suggested to the Senate Finance Committee.

As a melting and bar charge would be imposed on all such gold bars exchanged less than \$5,000., small bars would be at a premium.

The minimum melting charge being one dollar on all deposits less than 1,000. ounces, on a five ounce deposit the melting charge would equal one per cent, and on a \$500. deposit one fifth of one per cent with the bar charge amount to about one fourth of one per cent. The large bars exchanged for export would be free.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. R. Balch, Esq.

May 18, 1882.

No. 427 Walnut St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to the inquiry contained in yours of the 17th, I have to state that I hope to send to Congress before the first of June my report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the U. S. for the year 1881.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. V. Harris, Esq.
 Supt. Mint U.S.
 New Orleans, La.

May 19, 1882

Sir:

Referring to the testimony in the case of an alleged shortage of \$50.~ in the shipment of 500 standard silver dollars to S. Goldstein, Tallis, Miss. I have to request that you will have Mr. Steele, the Chief Clerk of your Mint, procure a sworn statement from Mr. Martinez who was engaged with James & Herbert in packing standard silver dollars for shipment at the time this shortage is claimed to have occurred.

In examining the letters received in reply to your inquiry of different parties as to whether they had received any surplus in excess of the amount of silver dollars ordered by them I find that there are no letters except to parties to whom shipments were made on the 4th day of October, 1881, while from the testimony of James it would appear that all the dollars packed for shipment on the 4th of October were not shipped that day, but that some were shipped on the 5th. It would seem to me that letters at the time the claim for shortage was made, should have been addressed to parties to whom shipments of \$500. were made upon the 5th. of October, 1881.

I will thank you to have the sworn statement of Mr. Martinez forwarded as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,
 Honatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Elegance

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia

May 19, 1882

Colgate & Co. sold fifty thousand ounces.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

May 19, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th. inst., transmitting "Report of charges collected" at your Mint during the month of April 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

May 19, 1882.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No 786, for \$1531.⁹² being on account of Refinery earnings during the month of April 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 5th. instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the Appropriation for "Parting" and Refining bullion.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Walters, Esq.,

May 19, 1882.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th. instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting authority to spend \$185. for the purpose of procuring a supply of healthy spring water for drinking and other purposes has been referred to this office, and I have to say that official courtesy requires that the letter should have been addressed by you to this office instead of to the Secretary of the Treasury when if it were necessary or proper to consult the Secretary of the Treasury upon the subject, I should have done so.

In future, you will please address all your communications relating to any expenditures or to the business of your office directly to this Bureau when proper action will be taken.

Very respectfully,

Honoratio C. Burchard,
Director.Pierre C. Van Hook, Esq.,

May 20, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Registers of Deposit for gold and silver bullion for the use of your office and as requested in your letter of the 19th. inst. four copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Honoratio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 20, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars, (\$12,890.) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred Fifteen $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars (\$415.³⁰) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Five $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars (\$13,305.³⁰) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 752, dated May 15, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 20, 1882,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Helena Montana to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars (\$19,723.⁸⁰) in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred Ninety Five $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars (\$695.⁵²) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen $\frac{32}{100}$ Dollars (\$20,419.³²) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 757, dated May 15, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Russell B. Harrison, Esq.
 Assayer in charge,
 U. S. Assay Office,
 Helena, Mont.

May 19, 1882.

Sir:

Your request of May 2nd, 1882, for authority to send to the United States Assay Office at New York such bullion, as in your judgment, needs careful and close refining to save the full amount of the gold it carries, has been received and considered.

In cases where the character of the gold bullion received by you is such, that, in your judgment, it would be more advantageous for the Government to have it parted or refined by the processes now in use at the New York Assay Office, you are hereby authorized to ship such bullion to New York, instead of to Philadelphia, as heretofore directed.

It will be necessary to keep a separate account of the bullion thus sent, charging the New York Assay Office therefor.

Approved,
 Chas. J. Folger,
 Secretary.

Respectfully,
 Honali C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Calmer Esq.
 School of Mines,
 New York, N. Y.

May 20, 1882

Sir:

Yours requesting copies of my report on the production of Precious Metals in the U. S. and that of King on the same subject received, and I forward you by to-days mail a copy of the former, but am unable to furnish the latter, application for which should be addressed to the Interior Dept.

Very respectfully,
 Honali C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

May 22, 1882.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
 fourteen and eight tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 Superintendent Mint, Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La. Carson City, Nev.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

May 22, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th.
 instant giving notice of the cancellation by
 you of the contract of Frank H. Ward to furnish
 your Mint with the best hand-picked Council
 Ridge Coal on account of the large quantity of
 slate and deleterious matter contained in
 coal furnished by Mr Ward and which en-
 tailed serious loss of time at the melting
 furnaces.

Your action is approved.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett

May 22, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th. instant in
 regard to the rate of expressage on bullion from
 St. Louis to New Orleans and in which you

state that the Agent of the Adams Express Company declines to forward it at the contract-rates, viz: $\frac{25}{100}$ of a cent per 1000 dollars per mile and in reply I have to inform you that the Agent of the Express Company in this city has been informed that it was a misunderstanding on the part of the Agent in St. Louis, where he declined to forward it at the contract rate and that you will now have no difficulty in shipping it as the Express Company will carry it under the contract.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burghard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
 Capt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

May 22, 1882

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your Mint will be 114.75¢ per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burghard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 22, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of April 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance. Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burghard,
 Director.

Peter J. Oley, Esq.

Cashier, Lynchburg Natl Bank.
Lynchburg, Va.

May 22, 1882

Sir:

Yours requesting information in regard to the redemption of punched subsidiary coin received, and enclosed I send you copy of a circular relative to the purchase of mutilated silver coins at the Mints of the United States.

Respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 23, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th instant advising me of the shipment by express of twelve (12) bronze copies of each of the first and third class army marksmanship medals and cases for the same, together with your bill therefor amounting to \$36.~

The medals have been delivered by the Express Company and I have this day transmitted the same together with your account to Gen S. V. Benet with the request that a draft for \$36.~ be transmitted you.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Gen. S. V. Benet,
 Chief of Ordnance,
 War Department

May 23, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith twelve, (12) sets of bronze copies of gold and silver medals, recently prepared, together with cases as requested in your letter of the 10th instant.

I also enclose bills for the same and have to request that a draft for the amount \$36.~ may be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. I will thank you to act knowledge receipt of the medals to this office.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York City.

May 23, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a letter addressed by me and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, authorizing the Assayer in charge at Helena, Montana, to ship to your office such bullion as in his judgment it would be more advantageous for the government to have parted and refined by the process now in use at your office.

The Assayer in charge at Helena upon shipping bullion to you, will forward an invoice of the value of the same as per the assays of his office and the amount deducted by him to cover the charges of parting, refining alloy &c. at your office.

After the bullion has been melted and assayed

you will forward to this office a memorandum showing the value of the gold and silver respectively contained therein as per the Assayers report, also the charges imposed by your office. When this memorandum is received the Secretary of the Treasury will be requested to cause the net value of the bullion to be transferred from the bullion fund of the Helena Assay Office to that of your office. The Assayer in charge at Helena will prepay the express charges on all bullion shipped you.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden Esq., May 23, 1882
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
 600 Coinage Statements.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Louis P. Weaver, Esq., May 23, 1882
 Avola, Vernon Co.
 Mo.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. addressed to the Comptroller of the Treasury, relative to the value of a silver dollar on which the eagle has eight tail feathers has been referred to this office.

Upwards of a million of these pieces

were struck and issued, and they are of no more value than other dollars.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Chas. S. Platt, Esq.,

May 24, 1882

No. 4 Liberty Place.

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. received, I submitted your letter to the Senate and proposed to amend the bill by authorizing a melting charge on bars less than \$5,000, in value. The amendment changing the amount to be exchanged from \$500 to \$5000, will permit a charge on all bars below \$5000.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Frank Schick Jr., Esq.,

May 24 1882.

P. O. Box 3387,

Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

Sir:

Yours requesting a copy of the Mint report received, and I send you by this mail my report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. for the year 1880.

The postage stamp you enclosed is herewith returned.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. May 25, 1882
 Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fifteen and fifteen hundredths cents per ounce.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Helmerich & Hansen, May 25, 1882
 San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen and sixteen one hundredths cents per ounce accepted, others declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint May 25, 1882
New Orleans, La.

Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty-five thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen and fifteen hundredths cents per ounce.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint May 25, 1882
San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Helmerich and Hansen fifty thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen and sixteen hundredths cents per ounce.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Ward & Cronise

May 25, 1882

24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank

May 25, 1882

San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

Daniel Meyer,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

May 25, 1882

San Francisco, Cal.

Forward Lawvere statements of bullion production of mines by counties for the six months ending December 31, 1881, or copies of the statements.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

May 25, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may

be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Gold & Silver, 200,000 ounces at \$1,1676

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

May 25, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th. instant enclosing Statement of Silver Purchases from May 8th. to May 13th. inclusive.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

May 25, 1882

Sir:

It will probably be necessary that there should be coined at your Mint during the month of June 1,200,000 standard silver dollars. I will thank you to inform me upon receipt hereof, whether in your judgment it will be practicable to coin this amount during the month of June if not, what amount you will be able to coin.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

May 25, 1882

Sir:

It will probably be necessary that there should be coined at your Mint during the month of June 500,000 standard silver dollars. I will thank you to inform me upon receipt hereof, whether in your judgment it will be practicable for you to coin this amount during the month of June.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

May 25, 1882,

Sir:

It will be necessary to increase the coinage of standard silver dollars at your Mint during the month of June to 200,000 pieces. If you are not able to coin this amount, I will thank you to inform me by wire upon receipt hereof, the amount you will be able to coin.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 17, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report upon the charges preferred against W. V. Davis, Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint

and of a special examination concerning the same made by me at that Mint, commencing on the 22nd. and concluded on the 28th day of April, 1882.

On the 4th. of February, I received a letter from M. V. Davis, Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint addressed to me as Director, enclosing an extract from a newspaper published in the city of New Orleans making certain allegations, concerning which he demanded an investigation. Subsequently a paper was presented to me by C. B. Danall, Member of Congress from Louisiana, furnished as understood by, some of his constituents (and a copy of which is herewith enclosed) entitled Memoranda and Specifications in the matter of M. V. Davis, Superintendent U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La., to be submitted to the President of the United States.

The charges contained in the memoranda and specifications are substantially:-

First, that the said Davis, whilst Coiner, criminally defaced and unlawfully delivered to the Melter & Refiner as clippings a large number of trade dollars, abstracting in lieu thereof standard dollars:

Second, that, whilst Coiner, to the detriment of the interests of the Government and the Public Service, he altered, destroyed and pulled down an immense amount of machinery, subjecting the Government to large and unnecessary expense in the purchase of new machinery:

Third, that Davis, in his capacity of Superintendent - extending throughout his entire incumbency of the office, did corrupt, and attempt to corrupt, in a manner grossly scandalous and unbecoming an officer of the

Government, females engaged as adjusters in the Coiners Department:

Fourth, that Davis, for the purpose of securing the Superintendency, did forge and use the names of Governor B. F. Flanders, Doctor M. F. Bonzano and Doctor Albrecht to a telegraphic dispatch to the Director of the Mint, recommending and endorsing him for immediate appointment as Superintendent;

Fifth, that the conduct of Davis, and his immoral bearing toward the officers and employes of the Mint has not been such as to inspire confidence in his honesty and integrity and to command the respect of the employes;

Sixth, that the political clubs and Republican committees of the city of New Orleans, and the Congressional ^{District} Committees of the State, have passed resolutions condemnatory of his conduct; and

Seventh, that the charges against Davis having become a matter of public notoriety, the press of New Orleans and Louisiana have vigorously denounced his misdoings.

The allegations of misconduct contained in the newspaper publication, concerning which Mr Davis had asked an investigation, were substantially those stated in the first four above enumerated charges.

As a letter from M. F. Bonzano, Miller & Refiner, addressed to Mr Darrell, referring to the above charges, had been submitted with the papers presented to me, upon my arrival in New Orleans, I called upon Dr Bonzano and invited him to appear and produce any evidence in his possession, or, of which he had information, substantiating the charges.

I engaged Mr Henry Langford, stenographer to take and write out the evidence, and on the morning of the 22nd. of April proceeded to examine witnesses and receive testimony produced by any parties interested in the investigation.

On the first charge, it is clearly proved by the evidence that at different times, M. V. Davis, while Coiner in the New Orleans Mint, in exchange for standard dollars, received trade dollars, without authority of law, to the number of at least three hundred, which he caused to be defaced and delivered with clippings to the Superintendent of the Mint to be transferred to and melted by the Melted & Refiner. Two former employes, lately discharged by Mr Davis, testified to a greater number - the one estimating 13,000, and the other asserting his count of 1,500 pieces, to have been thus received and defaced soon after the opening of the Mint for coinage in 1879. But as light condemned standard dollars were at the same time being defaced and returned with the clippings and the one might easily have been taken for the other and the statements of these witnesses in regard to the number of pieces rolled out are positively denied by Mr Davis and conflict with the testimony of other witnesses as well as with that of Mr Davis, I think it is probable that not more than 300 were thus exchanged for standard dollars and defaced.

In justification of his action, Mr Davis testifies that he received the larger portion, 230, of the trade dollars, from Mr Parker the bookkeeper of the Mint; that before receiving them, he referred the matter to the then Superintendent, Mr Foote, now deceased, and had his consent and authority to receive them; that he had

no interest in, and derived no personal profit from the exchange; that in all cases it was a matter of accommodation for others, and that the Government had the advantage of the seven and a half grains difference in the weight of the trade and the standard dollars exchanged, as his wastage was far within the legal limit; that it was done openly, and not secretly, and without any wrongful purpose or idea of its being illegal or improper. Several brokers and bullion dealers were examined who testified that there were but few trade dollars in the New Orleans market, that their value ranged from ninety cents to par and that but few lots had been obtained, which were shipped north and that none to their knowledge had been sent to the Mint.

It was not ascertained that any number of trade dollars was brought to the Mint at one time for exchange except the two lots of 100 and 130 each exchanged for Mr Parker, the bookkeeper, and the evidence of the dealers and the clerks and present employes of the Mint is corroborative of Mr Davis' statement. The witnesses, L. W. Tillbrough and Andrew Roshup testified that they informed the Meltin & Refiner in 1879 that there were trade dollars in the deliveries. No trade dollars were ever issued or authorized to be coined at the New Orleans Mint.

It hardly seems possible that any officer in the New Orleans Mint supposed in 1879, that trade dollars were being lawfully coined or issued from that Mint. The report of the Director for 1878 showed that, by orders issued in October 1877, and in February of 1878, the receipt and coinage of deposits for returns in trade dol-

lars has been suspended at all the Mints. The report for the year 1879, copies of which were forwarded to the Mints for each of the officers, as well as for distribution, shows that the only silver coins struck at the New Orleans Mint were standard dollars. In fact, no trade dollars have been coined at any of the Mints since 1878. Yet, at the time of the occurrence, no one of the officers or men seem to have had any idea that, in receiving trade dollars, an illegal or wrongful act had been done by Mr Davis, and subsequently, in May, 1880, Doctor Bonzano recommended Mr Davis' promotion from Coiner to Superintendent.

But, while Mr Davis appears not to have profited from the transaction, and may be exculpated from an intention of defrauding the Government, and while it is probable he did not consider it illegal, it is evident from his own statement that he was disposing of and putting into circulation legal coins of the United States in a manner wholly unauthorized and prohibited by law.

The Coiner is not authorized by law to deliver to any person, except to the Superintendent, the bullion officially received by him, no matter into what form it may have been changed. He is not permitted, but is forbidden to convert to his own use any of the metal delivered to him by the Superintendent or the coins struck by him therefrom. He has not been empowered to purchase silver bullion for coinage, and it is illegal for him to permit undelivered coins to be exchanged for silver bullion. The bullion contained in the ingots received by him for coinage must be delivered back in coins, clippings or other forms

into which it has been converted by the processes in his Department.

However desirable the retirement of trade dollars from circulation may be, legislative authority is necessary before Mint officers can legally exchange them for the coins being issued at the Mints, except when delivered by weight as silver bullion upon purchases made by order of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Upon the second charge that Mr Davis while Coiner, altered, destroyed and pulled down an immense amount of machinery, subjecting the Government to a large and unnecessary expense in the purchase of new machinery, I examined the witnesses whose statements were referred to in the memoranda of charges.

This charge related to Mr Davis' action while Coiner of the Mint, which position he held from December 1878 to June 1880. No complaint was made against Mr Davis while Coiner, nor by anyone except the witness Palmer after his discharge from the Mint.

At the time that Mr Davis became Coiner, the Mint machinery and fixtures had been procured many years previously and had remained in the Mint unused from the suspension of coinage in 1860. It had been deemed advisable to replace some of the old with new and improved machinery, and Congress appropriated for such purchase and the repair of the Mint seventy-five thousand dollars. The principal changes made in the substitution of new machinery were ordered by the then Superintendent, Governor Foot, upon the recommendation of the Coiner, and most of it, and most of it as the office correspondence states,

with the concurrence of the Meller & Refiner, and upon the advice of the skilled mechanics, James & and Helfrich sent from the Philadelphia Mint to New Orleans for the purpose of putting the Mint in order or of taking charge of the machinery.

The foreman at present in charge of the machine shop, Mr Black testified that no unnecessary alterations were made, and Mr Davis testified that his recommendation was based upon the advice of the skilled mechanics, and that the charges secured improved facilities for carrying on the operations of the Mint and were necessary.

The evidence, therefore, in my judgment, does not sustain this charge.

On the fourth charge, that Mr. Davis forged the names of Governor B. F. Flanders, Doctor M. F. Bonzano and Doctor Albrecht to a telegraphic dispatch to the Director recommending and endorsing him for immediate appointment as Superintendent, the evidence shows that the following dispatch was sent to the Director of the Mint, purporting to be signed by M. F. Bonzano & Dr. Albrecht -

New Orleans, May 25th.

Director of the Mint,
Washn.

Appointment of Davis would give general satisfaction to business community and better officials. He is the man for the place.

(Signed) M. F. Bonzano,
Jos. Albrecht.

This dispatch was important and had ^{influence} great influence in securing the appointment of Mr Davis as

Superintendent.

The Director was doubtful as to the propriety and advisability of appointing Mr Davis as Superintendent of the Mint for reasons that had been communicated to him, and had telegraphed the Secretary of the Treasury to hold the appointment until a personal interview could be had. Having learned of this fact, Mr Davis deemed it important to show that his conduct and discharge of official duties at New Orleans had secured the confidence of his associates, as well as of the business men and leading Republicans of New Orleans, and upon receiving and considering this despatch and the papers Mr Davis forwarded the Director advised the appointment of Mr Davis as Superintendent.

It seems that Mr Davis went to the Custom House to ask Governor Flanders to send a despatch to the Director of the Mint; not finding him, and in haste to send the despatch to Washington, he, before returning to the Mint, which is nearly one mile from the business centre and the telegraph offices, there prepared and forwarded the despatch in question. On his return to the Mint, he wrote both to Doctor Bonzano and Doctor Albrecht what he had done, to which neither of them at the time seem to have made any objection. Both of them were then in favor of Mr Davis' appointment as Superintendent, and Dr. Bonzano himself had already telegraphed to Washington requesting that Mr Knox the Comptroller of the Currency, would speak to Secretary Sherman in favor of Mr Davis' appointment.

While this use of the names of these officers without previous authority, was, to say the least hazardous and a liberty which Mr Davis should not

have taken, yet as they were immediately informed of it by Mr Davis, on his return to the Mint, and neither sent nor expressed any disapproval or made any objection, but allowed the despatch to stand and be considered and acted upon in the Department as their recommendation, their silence may be regarded as a tacit ratification of his action.

The charge of forgery, therefore, in my judgment is not sustained.

The third charge, so far as it relates to the conduct of Mr Davis, while Superintendent is not sustained. No evidence was produced showing, since his appointment as Superintendent, any misconduct or impropriety on the part of Mr Davis toward any female employe of the Mint. The only testimony affecting him as Superintendent in this respect was an affidavit placed in my hands on the last day of taking oral evidence, purporting to have been made by a woman who had applied for a position in the Mint for her husband, and who swore that Mr Davis in April, 1881, came to her house and offered to use his influence to obtain a position for her husband on conditions dishonorable and insulting to her as a woman. This evidence was shown to Mr Davis, who submitted his counter-affidavit denying that he had ever been to her house or seen the woman, except at the Mint or that proposals of such a nature had ever been made by him to her. As no further evidence in support or denial of these statements was suggested by either party, and the complaint was not an original charge or specification, it seemed sufficient to submit the evidence without sending for and making an oral examination of the witness.

The examination, however, disclosed and would have sustained a charge that, while Coiner, Mr Davis was guilty of writing letters highly improper and unbecoming for him as an Officer of the Mint to have written or sent to female employes under his charge. The originals of the letters, memoranda and writings set forth in the specification accompanying the third charge were produced and all of them, with one exception were shown to have been written by Mr Davis. In regard to their impropriety it is unnecessary to comment.

Mr Davis testifies, and it is also claimed on behalf of the person by whom they were received that, aside from the writing and receiving of these letters, there had been no other impropriety in their conduct toward each other and no improper or immoral intimacy.

On the fifth charge, that through his conduct and general immoral bearing toward the officers and employes of the Mint Mr Davis has lost their confidence and respect, no specific evidence was offered. That the public rumors and articles published in the New Orleans press against Mr Davis exaggerating his errors and delinquencies, have, to some extent, affected the public estimation in that city of his character and lessened the respect of some of the employes who may believe them is probably true.

For more than a year dissensions have existed in the New Orleans Mint. The Meltter & refiner has not concealed his opposition and hostility to Mr Davis, and charges dishonestly and official misconduct and some of the employes in the Mint, especially in his Department, doubtless side with him and share his feelings

but, other than this, I did not observe, and had no evidence to show, that Mr Davis was not both treated and spoken of with proper respect by the officers and employes of the Mint.

It did not appear to be within my province to make inquiry upon the sixth and seventh charges, viz:- that the political clubs and public press of New Orleans and portions of the State of Louisiana condemned Mr Davis and desired his removal. Their action purported to be based upon the alleged official misconduct embraced in the above charges, and it seemed more appropriate and sufficient to endeavor to ascertain the truth or falsity of the charges than to accept conclusions based upon rumor and formed without personal knowledge or investigation.

I also respectfully submit for your consideration the evidence taken at the examination.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint.

May 26. 1882

New Orleans, La.

Deposit gold bars from St. Louis Assay Office in your own name and forward to this office deposit memorandum showing value of gold and silver contained, charges of your Mint and net value of deposit. When memorandum is received the net value of the bars will be transferred from bullion fund of St. Louis Assay Office to that of your Mint.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

May 26, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed I send your letter of R. J. Hummel Postmaster at Port Hudson, La. transmitting for redemption \$4.⁶⁰ in mutilated silver coin, the bullion value of which please cause to be remitted to him.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. J. Hummel, Esq.,

May 26, 1882

Postmaster

Port Hudson, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd, inst. transmitting for redemption \$4.⁶⁰ in mutilated silver coin has been received and referred for attention to the Philadelphia Mint.

I enclose herewith a circular in regard to the purchase of mutilated silver coins at the Mints of the U. S.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. A. Gordon Snowden, ^c

May 26, 1882

Supt. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of April 1882, and forwarded for test

as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance, except the one taken from delivery No. one Standard Silver Dollars, which you will observe was found to be 19 below the tolerance for weight. Possibly the fault of the assaying machine?

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burghard,
 Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

May 26, 1882

Assayer in charge Mint of the U.S.,
 Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd. inst. inquiring whether mutilated gold and silver coin can be received as deposits under the law, is received.

Mutilated coins are in effect bullion, and the owner can deposit them in the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States in the same manner and under the same conditions as other bullion.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burghard,
 Director.

T. A. Boyle, Esq.,

May 26, 1882

315 Main St.

Memphis, Tenn.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd. instant enclosing part of a Two Dollar United States note has been received and referred to the Treasurer of the United States for reply.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burghard, Director.

Edward F. Burton, Esq.
San Francisco, Cal.

May 26, 1882

Sir:

By an oversight you were not informed of the approval by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 16th instant of your bond as Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco. Mr. Leech, however, who represents this office was informed by telegraph on the 17th instant, and he, no doubt, communicated the fact of the approval of the bond to you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 26, 1882

Sir:

Referring to the previous correspondence in regard to the use of the electric light at your Mint, I would be pleased to know what success has attended its introduction and if you have any information or report on the subject, I would be glad if you would furnish the same for the information of this office.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint U. S.
Carson City.

May 26, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month

of April 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

May 27, 1882

Philadelphia, Pa.

Receive silver from Handy & Cronise and Bolgate if forwarded by them on Monday.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

A. Londen Snowden Esq.,

May 27, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of current date regarding the non-delivery by Messrs Handy & Cronise and Bolgate & Co. of the amount of silver sold by them on the 18th. instant, I enclose herewith for your information, copy of a letter addressed by me and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, extending the time for delivery of silver when the expiration of the ten days falls upon Sunday, to the following Monday.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

May 27, 1882

Assayer in charge
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the
Printer for blank,-

Memoranda of Silver Bullion, No. 43. D.

Certificate of Gold Deposit No. 4. G.

Gold Mint Receipts No. 7. G. - Book form.

Silver Mint Receipts No. 8. G. - Book form

and as requested in your letters of the 18th. inst. same
will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

May 27, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy
of a bill authorizing the Superintendents of the coin-
age mints and the Assay Offices at New York to re-
ceive U. S. gold coin in sums of not less than
\$5,000 and deliver in exchange therefor gold bars in
value equaling such coin so received.

As it is probable bars will be preferred for
shipment in place of coin it will be necessary
that you will as early as practicable prepare bars
for exchange by stamping the value thereon. I
have also to suggest, if the arrangement be ac-
ceptable to him, that parties who may desire to
receive gold bars in exchange for gold coin be
required to deposit the coin to your official credit
with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. in your city
and upon the receipt of a certificate to that

effect, you will deliver bars of equal value. You will also note on your daily statement of balances the amount of bars exchanged for gold coin and submit a report at the end of each month to this office, showing the number, weight and value of bars exchanged and with whom the exchange was made.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

May 27, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, Cal. of the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Three $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars (\$3,933.⁹⁵) in Gold Coin, and Twenty Two $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars (\$22.³⁰) in Silver Coin making a total of Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty Six $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars (\$3,956.²⁵) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 9194 dated May 19, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Shiles Reaick & Co.,
Ashland, Wis.
Sirs.

May 27, 1882

Gentlemen:

In reply to your note of the 25th instant

I enclose herewith Treasury Circular No. 32, from which you will observe that standard silver dollars are furnished at the expense of the Mint in sums of \$500. or any multiple thereof to any point reached by established express lines.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. B. F. Pettigrew,
House of Representatives.

May 27, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th. inst. is received, and in reply I have to inform you that there has been no work published under my direction in regard to the different coins and their value.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Gersh Martin, Esq.,
Nat'l Democrat Pub. Co.,
Peoria, Ills.

May 27, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th. inst. is received. I have no objection to Congress passing a law declaring mutilated coins uncurrent; I only intended to state the fact that at present creditors could not be compelled to receive punched coin in payment of a debt.

I remember your services as doorkeeper of the House when I was a member of the Legislature, and am glad to hear from you again.

I send you a copy of my report on the annual production of the precious metals.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

May 29, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Eight $\frac{61}{100}$ Dollars, (\$1,958.⁶¹) in Gold Coin, and Twenty Five $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars, (\$25.⁹²) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Four $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars, (\$1,984.¹³) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 803 dated May 24, 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 29, 1882

Sir:

I will thank you to forward immediately Statement (No 95) showing the number of ounces of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon and the expenses thereon in the Refinery of your Mint for the month of June 1881; also a similar statement for the month of January 1881 as the statement furnished for that month appears to be consolidated with statement furnished for the month of December 1880.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

May 29, 1882

Sir:

Your inquiry of the 27th. inst. whether, in the absence of Dr. Le Conte, the Chief Clerk, there is any authority for appointing anyone else to take your place in your absence is received.

Section 3602 of the Revised Statutes authorizes only the Chief Clerk to act for the Superintendent in the absence of the latter. It would be necessary, therefore, for you to appoint someone to act as Chief Clerk while Dr. Le Conte is absent.

The appointment of Mr. Cowperthwaite as Chief Clerk and Dr. Le Conte as Bookkeeper, with leave of absence as proposed, will be satisfactory to me.

Respectfully,

Honatio C. Burckhard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

May 29, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th. inst. stating that the kind of files needed in your Mint are manufactured by Messrs Moss & Gamble and are different from those bid for and furnished by Messrs Vance & Co. under their contract and requesting permission to purchase the files now required from Moss & Gamble.

As the files contracted for by Vance & Co. are not such as you require you are authorized to purchase the same from Moss & Gamble without advertising if immediate

delivery is necessary.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

May 29, 1882

Sup't. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending March 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

May 29, 1882

San Francisco.

Intended to allot four hundred thousand dollars for your June coinage. Mint can if necessary discontinue receiving deposits, but to enable Secretary to buy amount required by law must be kept open for weekly purchases. Hope you can coin until tenth.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Hon. H. W. Blair,

May 29, 1882.

U. S. Senate.

Sir:

Please send me the address of the gentleman to whom you requested that report to be sent.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Editor Engineering and
Mining Journal,
New York City.

May 29 1882.

Sir:

Please send me by return mail 2 copies of the Engineering and Mining Journal of Saturday the 20th. of May 1882. Enclosed please find 20 cts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Fletcher & Sharp,
Indianapolis, Ind.

May 29. 1882.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith duplicate certificate of deposit No. 4,965 enclosed in your letter of the 26th. instant, with the information that in order to procure minor coins, it will be necessary for you to remit a draft on New York or Philadelphia to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia,

May 31, 1882

Sir:

Letter mailed you Monday that appointment of Le Conte as book-keeper with leave of absence and Cowperthwaite as chief clerk would be satisfactory to this office. Copy of letter mailed you to-day.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 31, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of current date, I send you herewith copy of a letter addressed you on Monday last stating that the appointment of Mr. Cooperthwaite as Chief Clerk and De Be Conte as Book-keeper with leave of absence as proposed, would be satisfactory to me.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 31, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of a letter received at this office from Gen. S. V. Benit Chief of Ordnance, requesting preparation of certain additional army marksmanship medals.

When the designs for these medals are prepared you will please forward them to this office in order that they may be submitted to the War Department for examination and inspection.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 31, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 29th instant

I have to inform you that the account of Pope Cole & Co. for 20,000 lbs of copper furnished your Mint was approved and referred by this office on the 22nd instant for settlement with the request that a draft for the amount be remitted Pope Cole & Co.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

May 31, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

Bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for stationery shipped your office in February and March last, amounting to \$17.⁶⁵ has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

May 31, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending March 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. Remington & Sons,
Le Droit Building
Washington, D. C.

May 31, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 22nd instant for one type writer ribbon purchased for the use of this office amounting to \$1.-, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

D. D. Knapp, Esq.,
Waverly, N. Y.

May 31, 1882

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 12th instant requesting information relative to various mining districts in Colorado.

My second report on the "Production of Gold and Silver in the United States" is in course of preparation and as soon as published I shall take pleasure in transmitting you a copy.

It will embrace all the information that I have been able to procure relative to Colorado.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Franklin Hargis, Esq.,
Dayton, Ohio.

May 31, 1882.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the value

of a silver dollar on which the eagle has eight tail feathers has been referred to this office.

Upwards of a million of these pieces were struck and issued and they are of no more value than other dollars.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. S. Morrison, Esq.
Denver, Col.

May 31, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your work entitled *Mining Rights in Colorado*, and to thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Henry Langford
New Orleans

May 31, 1882.

Awaiting appropriation for which to pay your account.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

June 1, 1882

Your allotment of silver coinage for June is four hundred thousand dollars.

Confirmed

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, June 1, 1882
New Orleans.

Coin five hundred and fifty thousand silver dollars in June.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, June 1, 1882
Carson, Nevada.

Coin one hundred thousand silver dollars in June.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. June 1, 1882
Denver, Colorado.

Offer accepted for New Orleans, at one hundred fifteen and eighteen hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, June 1, 1882
New Orleans, La.

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty five thousand ounces, at one hundred fifteen and eighteen hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank, June 1, 1882
 San Francisco,
 Your offer accepted.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 Telegrams Daniel Meyer, J. B. Haggin,
 San Francisco, Cal. San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Handy & Cronise, June 1, 1882
 24 Nassau Street,
 New York.
 Your offer declined.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 Telegram Helmick and Hansen,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, June 1, 1882
 San Francisco, Cal.
 Receive from J. B. Haggin, sixty five thousand
 ounces, at one hundred fifteen and one eighth
 cents per ounce. Daniel Meyer, eighty five thousand
 ounces, at one fifteen and eighteen hundredths
 cents per ounce, and from Anglo Californian
 Bank, one hundred thousand, at one hundred
 fifteen and nine hundredths cents per ounce.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco.

June 1, 1882

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Chip books for the use of the Melters and Refiners Department of your Mint and as requested in your letter of the 24th. ult. six copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Wm. Houchens, Esq.
 White Run Ky.

June 1, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th. ult. to the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, containing a sample of ore, was referred to this office - The Assayer states the ore is Iron Pyrites, and has no commercial value.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Messrs Eimer & Amend,
 #205th & 207 Third Avenue,
 New York.

June 1, 1882.

Gentlemen:

I forward to you by to-days mail a drawing of a glass siphon required by the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. I will thank you to inform me the price at which you will furnish one half dozen of the same, securely packed for shipment by express.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 2, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 5537 for \$1,200 being on account of sale of old material enclosed in your communication of the 1st inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 2, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 5538, for \$570.00 being on account of Medal Fund enclosed in your communication of the 1st instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

June 2, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 822, for 120 - being on account of sale of old material enclosed in your com-

munication of the 25th ultimo, has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Cranford, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 Carson City.

June 2, 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 823, for \$12, - being an account of ore assays enclosed in your communication of the 25th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

June 2, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th ult, enclosing a leaf from the "Cashier's Register of Certificates and Receipts for payments of gold deposits," which you suggest may be the Cashier's blotter I referred to in my letter of the 18th ult., I have to explain that Mr Wheaton, for the purpose of distinguishing the amount of

gold and of silver respectively paid on warrants issued in payments of deposits containing both gold and silver, requested that Mr Beach would have an additional column, or three columns, ruled in one of the books that he kept, so that the respective amounts of gold and silver, as well as the total amount paid on each warrant could be entered and the total daily payments in gold and silver could be reported separately to him at the close of business.

I verbally authorized a book to be printed and ruled for that purpose. It is a leaf from that book I desire, that it may serve as a copy from which to print a similar book for the Philadelphia Mint, as well as your own when needed.

Respectfully,
 Chaas C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

June 2, 1882

Sir:

Enclosed I have the honor to forward you, for presentation to the President, the resignation of Rodney Curtis as Melter at the Denver Mint and the recommendation of the Senators and Representatives of the State of Colorado that John S. Doerner should be appointed his successor.

I am informed that Mr Doerner, although not a practical melter, has devoted considerable attention to the mining interests of the State and will endeavor to qualify himself to perform the duties of this position.

In accordance, therefore, with ^{their} endorsement as the gentlemen signing it are, I believe, per-

sonally acquainted with Mr. Horner and know
as to his capacity and fitness, I recommend his
appointment.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 2. 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst. I would
state that it is desirable that the Muller & Refiners
statements (No. 95) for December 1880 and January
1881 should be rendered separate.

I will thank you to have them forwarded as
soon as possible.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Gen A. London Snowden Esq.

Supt. Mint,

Philadelphia.

June 2. 1882

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the
month of May at your Mint for special Assay and
transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

4 Eagles	<u>\$40.00</u>
2 Half Eagles	<u>10.00</u>
4 Standard Silver Dollars	<u>4.00</u>
Total Value	<u>54.00</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon W. P. Kellogg,
U. S. Senate.

June 1. 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of May 28th. enclosing petition of leading Republicans of Lafourche Parish, La. endorsing Mr W. B. Merchant for appointment as Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Rodney Curtis Esq.
Mint of the U. S.
Denver, Col.

June 2. 1882

Sir:

Your resignation of the office of Meltin of the Denver Mint, to take effect upon the appointment and qualification of your successor, was placed in my hands yesterday, and will be submitted to the Secretary for presentation to the President.

I desire to express my regret that personal interests require you to sever your connection with the Mint Service and to resign the office which you have held so satisfactorily for many years.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 3. 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$800.⁰⁰ to

meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Packing and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
 New York City.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Packing and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Similar letter addressed to
W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Superintendent U. S. Mint.
 San Francisco, Cal.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent

of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer
of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of
your Mint be increased by a transfer of one
million (\$1,000,000) standard silver dollars and
that the same be placed to your credit with the
Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

June 3, 1882.

I have requested that your bullion fund be
increased one million in standard silver
dollars at New York.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion
Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter
ending March 31st, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant enclosing Certificate of Deposit for \$19.⁰⁰ proceeds of sale of "old material", I have to say that a statement is required showing of what the material consisted.

Very respectfully,
Hiram C. Burckard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith sample leaf of book required for use in the Melters Refiners Department of your Mint and you are hereby authorized to purchase the same in your city.

Very respectfully,
Hiram C. Burckard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Fixtures and Apparatus Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending May 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Hiram C. Burckard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June, 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$22,000.⁰⁰ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	\$ 2,000	
Wages of Workmen	1882	12,500	
Contingent Expenses	1882	8,000	\$22,000

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$6,000, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Coinage Standard Silver Dollar	\$6,000
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Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses

of your institution during the month of June 1882
has been approved for the sum of \$5,000, payable
from the following appropriations made for the sup-
port of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Coinage Standard Silver Dollar \$5,000

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Weyck Esq,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

June 3, 1882

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses
of your institution during the month of June 1882,
has been approved for the sum of \$5480.²⁶ payable
from the following appropriations made for the support
of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$2731.80</u>	
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>2,100.⁰⁰</u>	
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>648.46</u>	<u>\$5480.26</u>

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden Esq,
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia Pa.

June 3, 1882

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the ex-
penses of your institution during the month
of June, 1882, has been approved for the sum of
\$58,342.32, payable from the following appropriations
made for the support of your Mint during the
current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1882	<u>\$3,550.⁰⁰</u>
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Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>\$ 27,000.00</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>27792.32</u>
		<u>\$ 58,342.82</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
 Assayer in charge
 U. S. Assay Office,
 St. Louis, Mo.

June 2, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June, 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$500.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$ 300</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>200</u>
		<u>500</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
 Assayer in charge
 Helena Montana.

June 3, 1882

Sir:

Bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for stationery shipped for the use of your office in January last amounting to \$64.62 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropria-

time for Contingent Expenses of your office for fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

June 5, 1882

One Million Silver Dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer New York to day.

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

June 5, 1882

What amount of fine silver have you on hand?

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

E. C. Adams,
Care Bradstreet's
New York.

June 5, 1882

Telegram received. You can return as proposed.

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury

June 5, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard, Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 New Orleans, La.

June 5, 1882

Sir:

I have this day requested that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of 500,000 standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint U. S.
 New Orleans, La.

June 5, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$12,678.³⁷ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$3,122.10</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>7,016.00</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>2,540.27</u>
		<u>12,678.37</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge,
 U. S. Mint Denver, Col.

June 5, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the ex-

penses of your institution during the month of June, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2,947.75, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$850.</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>597.75</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>1,500.</u>
		<u>\$2,947.75</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.

June 5, 1882

Assayer in charge,
 U. S. Assay Office,
 Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$976.60 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$226.60</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>750.00</u>
		<u>\$976.60</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. Silvea, Esq.

June 5, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
 Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your request of the 1st. instant for a statement

of the amount of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, is received. The legislative Bill which will contain the appropriation has not as yet been acted upon by nor even reported to the House of Representatives. When it passes I will advise you.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Rowden Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint U. S.
 Philadelphia.

June 5, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing statements of minor coinage operations for the month of May 1882 has been received.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint,
 New Orleans.

June 5, 1882

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of May at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz:

4 Standard Silver Dollars	\$4.00
Total Value	<u>4.00</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 5, 1882

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 2nd instant acknowledging receipt of O/D for \$570.00, deposited by you on account of "Mudal Fund Profit", I desire to say that the same was erroneous in stating that "no personal credit would be given", upon the contrary personal credit will be given you in your Bullion accounts for the amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Secretary of the Treasury,

June 5, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the Mint at New Orleans, La., of the sum of Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and One $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars (\$2901.²³) in Gold Coin, and Seventy Eight $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars (\$78.²¹) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars (\$2980.²⁴) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 263. dated May 29, 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

June 5, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing Quartermaster's receipt and the accounts of the following named parties for supplies for the Denver Mint - viz:

Whitall Tatum & Co.	<u>\$8.28</u>
Thomas M. Hammett	<u>5.00</u>
Bullock & Crenshaw	<u>10.50</u>
Phillips & Jacobs	<u>367.50</u>
Martha Taylor	<u>97.50</u>

I have this day transmitted the accounts to the Assayer in charge with instructions to remit drafts under cover to you for the amounts due the parties respectively.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

June 5, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office, Denver,

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Quartermaster's receipt in duplicate for packages delivered to him for shipment to your Mint in partial fulfillment of your request for supplies. I also enclose the following bills for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses; -

Whitall Tatum & Co.	<u>\$8.28</u>
Thomas M. Hammett	<u>5.00</u>
Bullock & Crenshaw	<u>10.50</u>
Phillips & Jacobs	<u>367.50</u>
Martha Taylor	<u>97.50</u>

Upon receipt of the goods you will please

remit drafts for the amounts due the parties respectively, under cover to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, who will deliver them.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

Hon. W. C. Kellogg,
 U. S. Senate.

June 5, 1882

Sir:

Your note of to day enclosing a communication from Mr Davis, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans is received.

I have no objection to the increased appropriation for wages of workmen which he may need if the coinage of silver is continued at the present rate, but the appropriation for the coinage of the standard dollar can be used if necessary. I return, as requested, your letter and that of Mr Davis.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Davis,
 Director.

Leonard Whitney Esq.,
 Agent Gold & Stock Telegraph Co.
 Washington, D. C.

June 5, 1882

Sir:

Bill of the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company for silver quotations during the month of May, amounting to \$72. has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In due course of business a draft for the amount will be mailed you. Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard, Director.

C. J. Coules, Esq.,Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

June 6, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing a letter addressed to the contractors for carpets and have referred the latter to the Secretary of the Treasury with the recommendation that the carpets described therein be procured under the contract of the Department and that the bills therefor be transmitted you for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.A. Londen Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 6, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith Certificate of Silver Purchase No. 98 for correction.

Please have the name of the Superintendent inserted as the party purchasing the bullion, in place of P. Schmellick.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.A. Londen Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 6, 1882

Sir:

It has become necessary to increase the number of standard silver dollars heretofore allotted

to be coined by your Mint during this month from 1,200,000, to 1,275,000, pieces.

It is desirable that the coinage of your Mint for the current month be completed as soon as practicable, in order that the annual settlement may be commenced and finished by the close of the month or as soon thereafter as possible.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

June 6, 1882

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars heretofore allotted to be coined by your Mint is hereby reduced from 150,000 to 75,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

A. Walters, Esq.,
Assayer U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

June 6, 1882

Sir:

Leave of absence granted as requested in your letter twenty-sixth ultimo.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Com. William Keilman,
House of Representatives.

June 6, 1882

Sir:

Enclosed, I return the letter you placed in my hands of Miss Emma Storch, who desires

an appointment in the government service. I do not know of any place at present to which Miss Haick can be appointed but I can say to you that I shall be glad to co-operate with you in your efforts to secure her appointment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. H. Painter, Esq.,

900 14th St.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Mr Snowden reports that he has had the matter concerning the electric light in the Mint under investigation for several weeks, but is not yet prepared to make a report upon the subject.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

S. F. Gates, Esq.,

No. 90 Auburn St.

Cambridgeport, Mass.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 3rd. inst. for information concerning the proportions of alloy, the weight and value of coins and the monetary units and standard coins of foreign countries, I enclose you a copy of the Instructions to the Mints and Assay Offices of 1850, which contain the laws and regulations determining the alloy, weight etc., and a copy of the last circular of the Secretary of the Treasury which enumerates the values of the coins

of the various countries of the world.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

June 6, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition of yesterday for storekeeper's ledger reminded me that there are in the office two blank books, duplicates of books prepared for the San Francisco Mint, to be used in entering the records of supplies received and delivered. They may be serviceable in your Mint. I forward them to you, but if not appropriate for your method of keeping the accounts of receipts and deliveries of supplies, you need not use but may return them.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

June 7, 1882

Forward duplicate invoice of gold bullion boxed and ready for shipment to Philadelphia Mint.

Your letter of March twenty-third mislaid.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Rene C. Van Wyck, Esq.

June 7, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

I have to request that in addition to the invoice of gold bullion now in boxes and ready for shipment

to the Philadelphia Mint, you will prepare and forward to this office as early as practicable an additional invoice approximating \$5,000,000.-

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Borden Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

June 7, 1882

Sir:

I deem it advisable that of the gold bullion now at the New York Assay Office, there should be transferred to your Mint before the close of the fiscal year \$20,000,000.- and in order to avoid a second weighing, I have to request that you will inform me whether there is any objection to the bullion remaining as received in the boxes until the commencement of the annual settlement when it can be weighed in the presence of the representatives of this office designated to be present. I make this suggestion in order to avoid the second weighing.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Borden Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 7, 1882.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me the amount of gold coin you will probably make during the current month.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

June 7, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th. ultimo requesting authority to expend \$185.- for procuring a supply of fresh spring water for the use of your office and in reply have to state that you are hereby authorized to expend this amount from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the current fiscal year, for the purpose named.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.Wm. Chas. J. Folger,

Secretary of the Treasury.

June 7, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,852. $\frac{30}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Twenty Six $\frac{4}{100}$ Dollars (\$26. $\frac{4}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight $\frac{34}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,878. $\frac{34}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 857, dated June 3, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Carson City, Nev.

June 7, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Report of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31st, 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
 Carson, Nevada.

June 8, 1882

Offer of John Scott accepted.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
 Denver, Colorado.

June 8, 1882

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fifteen and thirty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Wandt & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street,
 New York.

June 8, 1882

Your offer accepted.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

June 8, 1882

Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty thousand ounces at one hundred

fifteen and thirty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Bank of California June 5, 1882
San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Similar telegram sent to
Daniel Meyer, Helmerich & Hansen
San Francisco. San Francisco.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger, June 5, 1882
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq., June 5, 1882
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of \$1,000,000. Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to

to your credit with the assistant Treasurer
U. S. New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

P. C. Van Weyck, Esq.

June 8, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I transmit herewith authority to advertise
in the Evening Post, Graphic and Commercial
Advertiser newspapers for proposals to furnish your
office with such supplies as may be required
during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

June 8, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith authority to adver-
tise in the Observer, Republican and Picayune
newspapers for proposals to furnish your Mint
with such supplies as may be required during
the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

June 8, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith authority to advertise in the Times and Tribune newspapers for proposals to furnish your Mint with such supplies as may be required during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

June 8, 1882

Sir

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Handy & Cronise, 300,000 ounces, at \$1.15-30

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 8, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of the Mint

at Philadelphia of the sum of Five Million Five Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Ninety Seven ^{and} $\frac{90}{100}$ Dollars (\$5,538,097.90) payable in 297,672,762 standard ounces of gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York

June 8, 1882

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$5,538,097.90 payable in 297,672,762, standard ounces of gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 8, 1882

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of \$5,538,097.90 payable in 297,672,762 standard ounces of gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson, Nev.

June 8, 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$2,000, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson, Nev.

June 8, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$7,530, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$1530</u>	
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>5300</u>	
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>500</u>	<u>\$7530</u>

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
New Orleans, La.

June 8, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June

1882, has been approved for the sum of \$200, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Coinage Standard Silver Dollars \$200.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco

June 8, 1882

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank -

Requisition Book for use of the Coiners Department of your mint and as requested in your letter of the 29th ult. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia,

June 8, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of monthly statement of charges collected on bullion deposited at your Mint during the month of May 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Gen. S. V. Benit

June 5, 1882

Chief of Ordnance,
War Department,

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, requesting the preparation of designs for three (3) additional army marksmanship medals, I enclose herewith designs prepared at the Philadelphia Mint for the same for your inspection. If the designs are satisfactory you will please return them to this office with such suggestions as you may have to make in order that the preparation of the dies may be commenced as early as practicable.

I also enclose for your information copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint from which you will observe that it will be impossible to have these medals within a brief period, on account of the pressure of work upon the Engraver's Department, but no unnecessary delay will occur. They will be prepared at the earliest practicable moment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

B. F. Stephens, Esq.

June 5, 1882

4 Trafalgar Square
London, Eng.

Sir,

I transmit herewith to your order First of Exchange, for three (3) Pounds, drawn by Riggs & Co. of this city, on J. S. Morgan & Co. of London, in payment of your account for subscription of this office to the "London Economist" and "Monthly Investor."

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Kandy & Cronise,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

June 9, 1882

Cannot advise the Secretary to accept thirty thousand ounces additional at yesterdays rates.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

A. Wollers, Esq.,

June 9, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$736.³⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	\$ 236. ³⁰
Wages of Workmen	1882)	
Contingent Expenses	1882)	500. ⁰⁰
		<u>\$736.³⁰</u>

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

June 9, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.

June 9, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting requisition for stationery for the use of your Mint for the ensuing six months, I have to inform you that an inventory of stationery on hand is required to accompany same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.

June 9, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith authority to advertise in the Day, Telegraph, Evening News and Evening Bulletin newspapers for proposals to furnish your Mint with such supplies as may be required during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

June 9, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Denver, Colorado, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifteen ¹⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$14,814.15) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred Ten ⁴⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$210.44) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand, Twenty

Four, ~~59~~ Dollars, (\$15,024.59) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by The Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 873, dated June 9, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint,
 San Francisco.

June 9, 1882

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of May at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

2 Double Eagles	<u>\$40.00</u>
1 Eagle	<u>10.00</u>
1 Half Eagle	<u>5.00</u>
4 Standard Silver Dollars	<u>4.00</u>
Total Value	<u>\$59.00</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

E. O. Leech, Esq.
 Care U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

June 9, 1882

Sir:-

I enclose herewith Treasury draft 17,197 for \$166.⁷⁵ in payment of your account for expenses up to the 31st. ultimo.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

E. O. Leach, Esq.

June 9. 1862

Care San Francisco Mint.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to attend and supervise the annual settlement of the Carson Mint at the close of the present fiscal year, and after the deliveries of the Operative Officers are completed, you will examine the coin, bullion and other funds and assets belonging to the United States in the hands of the Superintendent and compare the same with the amount called for by the books of the Mint to ascertain whether the Superintendent has in his hands the amount charged to him on the books of the Treasury and the balances appearing from his accounts to be due the United States.

Your necessary traveling and other expenses in the performance of this duty will be paid on the presentation of your account with the proper vouchers.

The settlement at the Mint may be made at or near the close of the fiscal year, as may be most convenient for yourself and the Officers of the Mint, and you can if deemed preferable, make a special trip from and return to San Francisco or can arrange that the settlement shall be made on your way East.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Koltus, Esq.,Assayer in charge,
Boise city, Idaho.

June 10, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and
Vouchers for the month ending May 31, 1882

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,Assayer in charge,
Denver Mint.

June 10, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Expense Accounts with Abstracts and
Vouchers for the month ending May 31st, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 10, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts with
Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending May
31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 10, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders for transportation be furnished E. O. Beech from San Francisco, Cal. to Reno, Nev. and return, payment for such transportation to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

June 10, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th. instant in regard to the number of ounces to be transferred from the New York Assay Office to your Mint and in reply have to state that the number of ounces requested to be transferred, was 297,672.762, instead of 292,672.762.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

June 10, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith abstract sheets of gold and silver bullion deposited at your office during the month of May 1882. These are papers that pertain to your Bullion accounts.

for the second quarter of the calendar year and are not to be forwarded monthly.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supr. Mint U. S.
San Francisco, Cal

June 10, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 854, for \$15.00, being on account of disallowance of part of voucher #571, May 27, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 3rd instant has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hearney and Swartzchild
133-135 State Street,
Chicago, Ill.

June 10, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing six chains for melt and assay and \$6. for payment of expenses thereof has been received.

Enclose herewith the report of the Assayer and \$3.12 the total value of gold contained in the chains.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Silver Esq.

Assayer in charge U.S. Mint
Denver, Col.

June 12, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 8th. inst., advising me that Captain Frank Hall presents a bill for \$100. for furnishing an article on the bullion production of Colorado for 1881, which you submit which you submit for my approval, is received. If you are satisfied that he is entitled to that amount, payment to him will be approved.

It will be necessary for you to forward a detailed statement in your accounts for June showing your expenditures from this appropriation, accompanied by vouchers. Please inform me immediately of the amount remaining in your hands unexpended.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Silver Esq.

Assayer in charge U.S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

June 12, 1882,

Sir:

Yours of June 8th. requesting authority to close the Mint for repairs on the 20th. inst. is received, and you can close the Mint on that date as proposed.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,

June 12, 1882

Sir:

Referring to pay-roll accompanying your Ordinary Expense Account for the Month of May, in which Mrs W^m Haslehurst has signed for the amount due her deceased husband, I desire to say that authority for signature as administrator must be forwarded to accompany the accounts.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 12, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

6 Registers of Gold and Silver Bullion deposits and Silver purchases.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

June 12, 1882

Sir:

The distance from New Orleans, La., to Waynesville Ohio, 972 miles as furnished in your letter of the 9th. instant is correct.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

June 12, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending May 31st, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

June 12, 1882.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th. inst. stating that the question has been raised by J. L. Lyon & Co. in regard to furnishing oil and matches under their contract for supplies for the fiscal year they having delivered the full amount of oil and matches that would be required as estimated by you, and are not obliged to deliver additional quantities.

Your attention is respectfully called to paragraph 4, page 19 of the Regulation governing purchases and supplies from which you will observe that schedules are to be prepared for the use of bidders showing the total quantity of the different supplies that will be required during the time for which the proposals are invited, and, under this Regulation, I am of the opinion that you cannot require Mess Lyon & Co. to deliver in excess of the amount of the quantity awarded to them, which is specifically stated in the award made and attested by the

Operative Officers, forwarded to this office.

Respectfully, Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

June 12, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 860 for \$1,044.³⁰ being on account of Refinery Earnings during month of May 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 5th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Packing and Refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Gilfillan, Esq.
Treasurer, U. S.

June 12, 1882

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be mailed to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans two hundred, (200) blank, "Daily Statement of the Condition of the Bullion Fund".

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Weyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

June 13, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th. inst. transmitting "Report of charges collected" on gold and silver bullion deposits made at your office dw-

ring the month of May 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

June 13, 1882.

Supt. Mint U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th. instant, transmitting "Report of Charges collected" on gold and silver bullion deposits made at your Mint during the month of May 1882,

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

June 13, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I transmit herewith authority to advertise in the "Evening" for proposals for supplies required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1883.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

June 13, 1882.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I transmit herewith an additional table of distances to govern you in paying Express companies for transportation of coin from your Mint.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram J. B. Belford

June 13, 1882

Denver, Col.

I do not know cause of delay in Nommer's appointment. Papers were sent to Appointment Office a week ago.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

June 13, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th, inst. stating that it will be necessary to have funds placed to the credit of the Superintendent with the Assistant Treasurer at New York to pay for the copper recently ordered by you.

Inasmuch as the Contingent Appropriation for your Mint for the current fiscal year is exhausted, the copper referred to will be paid from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar. The Legislative, Executive, and Judicial appropriation bill has not yet passed Congress. As soon as the bill is passed, and the appropriations become available, advances will be made as early after the first of July as practicable.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Calvin J. Bowles, Esq.

June 13, 1882

Assayer in charge,

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

The account of the Treasury Department for carpets and lining shipped you this day amounts

to \$147.73 and as you have drawn the total amount of the appropriation for wages and Contingent Expenses of your office it will be necessary for you to deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States \$147.73 on account of that appropriation for the current fiscal year in order that the appropriation for Furniture and Repairs of furniture for Public Buildings 1882 may be reimbursed.

In addition to the above account the bill for freight on the carpets will be sent you for payment.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

June 13, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 944, for \$157.29, being on account of Melting, Alloy & Bar Charges during May 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 12th. instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

June 13, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 945, for \$9,024.⁴⁶, being in account of Parting and Refining Charges for the Mo. of May, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 12th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Eimer & Amend,
205-211 Third Avenue,
New York.

June 13, 1882

Gentlemen:

You will please procure and forward to the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, by express the Glass Syphons as per drawing heretofore forwarded and at a price as stated in your letter of the 1st. instant not exceeding \$6. each.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. J. Kalston, Esq.
Pres't. Selby Smelting & Lead Works.
San Francisco, Cal.

June 13, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th. inst., stating the amount

of gold and silver refined by you and the relative proportions from various states and territories is received.

Please accept my thanks, as the information will aid me in endeavoring to ascertain the production of the states and territories on the Pacific coast.

My statistical report for 1881 is not yet printed. I sent you a copy of the report for 1880, but lest it failed to reach you, I forward another copy.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

June 14, 1882

San Francisco, Cal.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Superintendent Mint

New Orleans.

Carson City, Nevada.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

June 14, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces will be 114.25 cents per ounce.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 14, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy One $\frac{3}{10}$ Dollars (\$8,871.03) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred Eleven $\frac{7}{10}$ Dollars (\$111.47) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$8,983.-) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 9660, dated June 5, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury

June 14, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of One Thousand Sixty-Seven $\frac{3}{10}$ Dollars (\$1,067.30) in Gold Coin, and Seventeen $\frac{7}{10}$ Dollars (\$17.67) in Silver Coin making a total of One Thousand Eighty Four $\frac{9}{10}$ Dollars (\$1,084.97) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 9661, dated June 6, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 14, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, be increased Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

June 14, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$5,334,263.43 payable in 286,721,497 standard ounces gold bullion.

I deem it advisable to transfer before the close of the present fiscal year \$10,000,000 additional of gold bullion, and will thank you to prepare and forward invoices approximating that amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

June 14, 1882

Sir,

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the New York Assay Office to that of your Mint of the sum of \$6,334,363.43, payable in 286,721,497 standard ounces gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

P. C. Van Wyck Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

June 14, 1882.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 13th. inst. stating that in consequence of the Act lately passed by Congress providing for the exchange of bars for gold coin, calls for extra force, and in reply would state that the appropriations for the Mint Service in the legislative, Executive and Judicial bill have already been acted upon in the House of Representatives but I will call the attention of the Senate Committee on appropriations to the necessity of increasing the appropriations for Wages to \$25,000. to enable you to employ additional help made necessary by reason of the Act referred to.

If necessary for the proper conduct of the business of your office, you will employ such assistance as may be necessary to enable you to meet the demand for the exchange of gold coin for gold bars, as I have no doubt Congress will make provisions to

pay for the same.

Very respectfully,
Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint
Carson City,

June 14, 1882

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of May at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received.

1 Double Eagle	<u>\$20.00</u>
1 Half Eagle	<u>5.00</u>
2 Standard Silver Dollars	<u>2.00</u>
Total Value	<u>\$27.00</u>

Very respectfully,
Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 14, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Five Million Three Hundred and Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Three $\frac{3}{4}$ Dollars (\$5,334,353.43) payable in 286,721,497 standard ounces of gold bullion.

Very respectfully,
Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans,

June 14, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of May, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. Julien, Esq.
41 South St.
New York City.

June 14, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th instant and in reply would state that at present the demands upon our Mints for the domestic coinage is such that it would not be practicable to undertake to coin for foreign government.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Wm. Houchins, Esq.
White Run, Ohio Co. Ky.

June 14, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of June 9th. enclosing a sample of ore is received. The Assayer states that the sample forwarded is a specimen of nearly pure galena or sulphide of lead.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

E. G. Filton, Esq.
Tipton, Iowa.

June 14, 1882

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 8th. inst., you are informed that the Government does not furnish price lists of old coins and recognizes no greater value attaching to the eagle penny of 1867, than that of any other penny. Upon application, however, to some dealer in old coins you may obtain the information desired.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colorado.

June 16, 1882

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and seventy-seven hundredths cents per ounce.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

June 16, 1882

Your offer accepted.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

June 16, 1882

Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and seventy-seven hundredths cents per ounce.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank
San Francisco, Cal.

June 16, 1882

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Helmreich & Hansen
San Francisco, Cal.

June 16, 1882

A. London Snowden Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Handy & Cronise 200,000 Ounces, at \$1,1476

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury

June 16, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four $\frac{36}{100}$ Dollars ($\$1,584.\frac{36}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Ten $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars ($\$10.\frac{39}{100}$) in Silver Coin,

making a total of One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1,594.⁷⁵/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 900, dated June 12, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Publisher of
The Star,

June 15, 1882

Tombstone, Arizona.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward to this office for one year a copy of the "Star" for which you will please transmit your account in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Publishers, of the
"Circular"

June 15, 1882.

Leadville, Col.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will forward to this office for one year a copy of the "Circular" for which you will please transmit your account in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Publishers,
Register-Call,
 Central City,
 Col.

June 16, 1882

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will forward to this office for one year a copy of the Weekly Register-Call, for which you will please transmit your account in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Publisher of the
"Times",
 Frisco, Utah.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward to this office for one year a copy of the "Times" for which you will please transmit your account in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Publisher,
"Chronicle"
 Globe, Pinal Co. Arizona.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward to this office for one year a copy of the Chronicle for which you will please transmit your account in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

June 15, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
50 Check Books.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mess. Kearney & Swartzchild,
133 State St. Chicago, Ill.
Gentlemen:

June 15, 1882

Your letter of the 13th. instant relative to the loss in weight in some of the chains and none in others is received.

The Assayer states that the chains received from you were smelted with great care and in new and separate crucibles.

A loss in melting is caused by a greater or less abstraction of base metal either by the flux, if an oxidizing one be employed, or by volatilization if volatile metals are contained.

It may be that a greater loss was caused in one case than in another by the chain being melted at a higher degree of heat, or from standing a little longer in a melted condition a greater portion of base metal was volatilized, or it may be that where no loss was shown there might have been a small portion of adherent flux, but in no case would these affect the reliability of the assay or the value of the chain, no gold being lost.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 876, for \$11,363.25, being on account of Refinery Earnings during the month of May 1882, enclosed in your communication of June 8th, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

Ronald C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 877, for \$106.61, being on account of melting charges during the month of May 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 8th instant has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Ronald C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 878, for \$47.22, being on account of
unpaid bar charges during the month of May,
1882, enclosed in your communication of the 8th.
instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and
forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal
credit to be given you in your accounts, and the
amount to be covered into the Treasury as a mis-
cellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 879, for \$200.65, being on account of
Alloy charges during the month of May 1882, enclosed
in your communication of the 8th instant, has been
received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the
Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given
you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered
into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your

letter of the 8th. instant transmitting report of charges collected on bullion deposits at your Mint during the month of May 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

Bill of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for the transportation of supplies shipped from San Francisco to Reno in January and February last for the use of your Mint, and amounting to \$42.10 has been approved and referred to the First Auditor for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1882.

Duplicate bills of lading herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Messrs Nathan Kolter & Co.

June 16, 1882

36. North Front St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver ten (10) tons of Ingot Copper for shipment to the San Francisco Mint at 18 1/4 cents per pound is respectfully declined.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Messrs Hendricks Bros.

June 16, 1882

#49 Cliff St.

New York.

Gentlemen:-

Your offer to deliver ten (10) tons of Ingot Copper for shipment to the San Francisco Mint at 18¢ per pound is respectfully declined.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messrs Pope Cole & Co.

June 16, 1882

#57 South Gay St.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver ten (10) tons of Ingot Copper f. o. b. to the Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco at 17⁷⁵/₁₀₀¢ per pound is accepted and I will thank you to deliver the same to Col. D. H. Tompkins U. S. Army at Chicago for shipment as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Col. D. H. Tompkins

June 16, 1882

Quartermaster U. S. Army,

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I have requested Messrs Pope Cole & Co. of Baltimore, to deliver to you ten (10) tons of Ingot Copper for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, which I will thank you to receive and forward as provided by General Orders No. 66, dated July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully, Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

June 16, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith letters from J. P. Childers,
Wm. Clark & Thomas Rice addressed to the Secretary
 of the Treasury making complaints against cer-
 tain employes of your Mint for failure to pay
 debts contracted for groceries and clothing, re-
 ferred to this office and attention is called to
 his letter in relation to the payment of debts by
 employes, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

The writers of the letters have been informed
 of this reference.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

J. P. Childers, Esq.,

June 16, 1882

No. 12. Commercial Place,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th. instant to the Secretary
 of the Treasury in regard to the failure of an em-
 ploye of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans to
 pay a bill for groceries has been referred to this
 office and I have this day transmitted the same
 to the Superintendent.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Wm. Clark, Esq.,

June 16, 1882

No 39 Exchange Alley
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th. instant to the Secretary of

the Treasury making complaint in regard to the failure of an employe of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans to pay a bill of \$19.²⁵ for clothing, has been referred to this office and I have this day transmitted the same to the Superintendent of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Thomas Rice, Esq.

June 16, 1882

No. 377 Baronne, cor. Thalia St.
 New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th. instant to the Secretary of the Treasury making complaint in regard to the failure of an employe of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans to pay a bill of \$13.⁶⁵, has been referred to this office and I have this day transmitted the same to the Superintendent of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.

June 16, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your request of the 12th. instant to commence operations at 9 o'clock A. M. and close at 3 o'clock P. M. in all the departments of your Mint during the months of July, August and September has been received and considered. No change in the working hours during those months has been made at any of the institutions under the Mint Bureau while I have had charge of this office, nor

as I am informed at any previous time, Compliance with your request would require a change in the Regulations which I do not deem it advisable to make.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

I will thank you to forward Statement of silver bullion purchased and of coinage and transfers for the month of May 1882 #193.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th. instant enclosing copy of a medal struck to commemorate the adoption of the great seal of the United States to be handed to the Secretary of the Treasury for his inspection and acceptance, and I have delivered the same to him.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. O. Beech, Esq.
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 16, 1882

Sir:

Enclosed I forward your railroad transportation orders to Reno and Return, not to be used, however, until the Deficiency Bill has passed, as payment for these expenses can only be made out of the One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) appropriation, provided for in that bill.

Very respectfully,
Honatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

June 17, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of five million, nine hundred and twelve thousand six hundred and thirty two ⁴¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$5,912,632.41) payable in 317,803.992 standard ounces gold bullion.

Very respectfully,
Honatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

P. C. Van Hook, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

June 17, 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of your Office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of 317,803.992, ozs. standard gold

bullion, value \$5,912,632.41.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 17, 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the New York Assay Office to that of your Mint 317,803.992 ounces standard gold bullion, value \$5,912,632.41.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

June 17, 1882

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and fourteen cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint New Orleans. Superintendent Mint Carson, Nevada.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 17, 1882

Sir:

In compliance with your request for an expression of my views as to the probable effect of the application to the branch of the service directly under my control, of Section IV. contained in the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill

recently passed the House of Representatives ^{and} of the results that would attend a general application of its principles to the whole service of the Department, I have the honor to state that extra clerical force whenever deemed necessary to be employed in my bureau, has heretofore been paid from the appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars ^{and} for the collection of Mining Statistics and this provision would forbid such payment hereafter.

I need besides the clerks provided for in the bill an additional copyist ^{and} a boy to arrange and file statistical matter relating to the production of gold ^{and} silver ^{and} extracts from current publications. With this additional force I foresee no embarrassment to the work of my office that would result from the adoption of the Section.

If the Act specifically provides for all the clerks needed in each office and bureau, I see no objection to the Section but I am unable to give any opinion as to whether sufficient clerks are provided for other bureaus and offices of the Treasury Department or as to whether any unfavorable results would attend the general application of the principles of the Section to the whole Department.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Com. Wm B. Allison,

June 17, 1852

Chairman Com. on Appropriations

U. S. Senate.

Sir:

The following extra force not provided for by former appropriations has necessarily been employed during a considerable portion of the pre-

ent fiscal year in compiling statistics in relation to the precious metals and in the ordinary work of my office.

One stenographer and clerk paid \$1200. from the appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars.

One clerk at \$1000. from the same source.

One clerk at \$50. per month paid from the appropriation for collecting mining statistics.

One clerk at \$30. per month payable from the same and one copyist has been detailed from another bureau to assist in the work of the office.

Provision in the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill is made for two additional clerks and one Assistant Messenger and Section 4, of the bill forbids the use of the special appropriations for the payment of additional clerks. Should this section become a law, provision should be made for additional force in my office of one copyist and a boy at a compensation of \$30. to select, paste and file statistical extracts from current publications.

The appropriation for the collection of mining Statistics has been reduced from 5,000. first appropriated to \$4,000. I think that at least \$5,000 should be appropriated for this object.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Hon. W. B. Allison,

Chairman Committee on Appropriations,

U. S. Senate.

June 17, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention to a copy of a letter enclosed herewith from the Super-

intendant of the U. S. Assay Office at New York stating that in consequence of the extra work thrown upon that office on account of the Act providing for the exchange of gold bars for coin.

I am clearly of the opinion that in order to carry into effect the Act recently passed by Congress providing for the exchange of gold bars for gold coin that it will be necessary to increase the appropriation for wages of workmen at that office from \$23,000. to \$26,000. as in making the exchange it is necessary that the value be stamped on each bar and this entails a great deal of extra labor.

The appropriations heretofore made for wages of workmen at the New York Assay Office have been barely sufficient, by the practice of the most rigid economy and will not admit of the payment of the extra labor imposed upon that institution by the passage of the Act referred to.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 17, 1882

Sir:

In the Legislative Executive and Judicial Bill provision is made for the payment of salaries to some of the clerks and employes of your Mint who are now paid from an appropriation for wages of workmen.

Enclosed I send you a list giving the titles proposed in the Act, the name of the person at present performing the duties of this office and his designation on the records of my office as far as known.

It will be necessary formally to make on or before the 1st proximo and submit to me for approval (even in cases where the present incumbent is reappointed) nominations for appointments to these positions and to forward oaths of office.

These changes were made upon my suggestion for the purpose of securing a uniform designation for clerks performing similar duties at the different institutions and without intending to affect the tenure of office of the clerks at present holding the positions named and the list is furnished to guide, but not to control your judgment as to the proper appointments to be made to fill the positions.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Philadelphia Mint.

Provided for by Appropriation Bill	Compensation	Similar position	By whom held	Compensation
Abstract Clerk	2,000	Deposit Clerk	O. B. Jones	2,000 per yr
Register of Deposits	1,700	Register of Deposits	J. Robley Pennington	5.50 per day
Warrant Clerk	1,700	Warrant Clerk	Aug. F. Kirk	5.50 " "
Cashier's Clerk	1,700	Counter	L. L. Leidy	5.50 " "
Assayer's Computation Clerk	1,600			
Assistant Weigh Clerk	1,600	Weigher	A. M. Evans	5.50 " "

Similar letter to San Francisco Mint with the following table.

Provided for by Appropriation Bill	Compensation	Similar position	By whom held	Compensation
Asst. Assayer	\$2,500	Asst. to Assayer	H. B. Lawrence	\$8 per day
" M & R	2,500	" " M & R	F. B. McCordley	8 " "

Asst. Coiner	2,500	Asst. to Coiner	E. P. Castaline	\$8. per day
Bookkeeper	2,200	Bookkeeper	Ed. Wheaton	7. " "
Weigh Clerk	2,200	Receiving Clerk	H. L. Noggle	7. " "
Abstract Clerk	2,200	Register of Deposits	E. S. Garver	7. " "
Register of Deposits	2,200	Asst. Register of Deposits	Wm. P. Edwards	7. " "
Warrant Clerk	2,200	Warrant Clerk	J. M. Currier	7. " "
Cashiers Clerk	1,800	Clerk	A. Geiglinger	5.75 " "
Assayer's Computation Blk	1,600			\$1,600 per year
Asst. Weigh Clerk	1,600			\$1,600 " "
Supt. Computation Blk	1,600	Computing Clerk	Geo. Parry	\$1,600 " "

Similar letter to Carson Mint with the following table:

Provided for by Appropriation Bill	Compensation	Similar position	By whom held	Compensation
Assistant Assayer	2,000	Asst to Assayer	A. Helberling	7. per day
" M & R.	2,000	" " M & R.	W. H. Stephens	7. " "
" Coiner	2,000	" " Coiner	W. H. Bryant	7. " "
Abstract Clerk	1,800			
Register of Deposits	1,800			

Superintendent Mint U. S.
Carson City.

June 17, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of May 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

G. N. Rider, Esq.
437 - Seventh Street N.W.
City.

June 17, 1882

Sir:

Your bill of the 17th. instant for 16 vols. of American Cyclopaedia purchased for the use of this office amounting to \$96. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mrs M. E. J. Stuart,
Summit, Miss.

June 17, 1882

Madam:

Your postal card of the 10th. instant, requesting to be informed where you could procure coins of various nations addressed to the Post Master General has been referred to this office and in reply I would state that the Government has no foreign coins.

Your best plan would be to apply to some money broker or coin dealer as Scott & Co. 146 Fulton Street New York or J. K. Haulfield 1713 Park Avenue Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mary S. Browner
Hendersons Station, Mo.

June 17, 1882

Madam:

Your postal card of the 9th. inst., request-

(Returned from
Head Office)

ting to be informed of the value of a 50 cent piece of 1854, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office and in reply I would state that this office is not aware that the coin referred to is worth more than its face value.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Henry N. Switzer, Esq.
132 Church Street,
New York.

June 17, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th. instant, relative to the number of silver dollars coined during the year 1804, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office and in reply I forward a copy of my report for 1880. On page 42 will be found the desired information.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor.
Treasury Department.

June 19, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month ending May 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.
 Supt. Mint U.S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

June 19, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending May 31st, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.
 Supt. U.S. Mint,
 San Francisco.

June 19, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book of Requisitions - Assayers Department

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.
San Francisco,

June 19, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of May 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco.

June 19, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith duplicate vouchers for payments made, to Geo. C. Richmond & to Jacob S. Baker administrator of the estate of Wm C. Martin \$45.~ during the month of May 1882, which are believed to have been transmitted with your Ordinary Expense Account by mistake.

Very respectfully,
 Honatis C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
 Assayer in charge,
 Helena, Montana.

June 19, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending May 31st, 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Honatis C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson,

June 19, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th. instant making requisition for a supply of blank "notification of sweeps for sale" and "notification of declination of offer to purchase sweeps", I have to request that you will forward a copy of the blanks required.

Very respectfully,
 Honatis C. Burchard,
 Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

June 19, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th. instant, I have to inform you that no melting charge should be imposed by your office upon gold bullion forwarded to you by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

June 19, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of the 17th. instant I would state that the Registers of gold deposits referred to, were mailed to your Mint on the 12th. instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Edward F. Burton, Esq.,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 19, 1882

Sir:

My report on the production of the precious metals in the United States during the year 1881 has just been transmitted to Congress and ordered to be printed. It will not be ready for distribution for some time, but when received copies will be sent you.

Much of the information from which it was prepared was obtained and furnished by or

through the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint and the officers in charge of the Assay Offices in the Mining regions, and I purpose to avail myself of the same assistance and agencies in procuring material for preparing a similar report at the close of the present calendar year, for which due credit will be given.

Some two months ago upon receiving from Mr Dodge material collected by him for the last year, I requested the suspension of further work until the close of the fiscal year. I desire it to be resumed under your direction at as early a day as may seem advisable, to enable you to furnish as has heretofore been done, about the 1st of February next statistics of the production of gold and silver on the Pacific Coast for the calendar year. For this purpose, the collection of statistics in the States of California, Nevada and Oregon and also in the adjoining territories will be assigned to you to obtain their production by counties, districts and mines, so far as practicable.

To perform this work Mr Dodge detailed the Assistant Book-keeper, Mr A. M. Sawyer, who as Mr Dodge reported, manifested great skill and was very successful in obtaining information. I should be glad after you have assumed the Superintendency if you would detail him again for this work so far as he can be spared from other duties at the Mint.

Necessary blanks will be furnished you from this office or be printed at San Francisco by your order when deemed preferable.

I will also forward you some copies of my report of 1880, which you can distribute where they will be useful in procuring further information.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Wm Richardson
Court of Claims,
Washington, D. C.

June 19, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your note of this morning asking the weight in tons of Fifteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, \$15,500,000.~ in gold coin. The weight is 28 tons - 1,128½ pounds avoirdupois.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 19, 1882

Sir:

In the Legislative Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill provision is made for the payment of salaries to some of the clerks and employes of your Mint, who are now paid from an appropriation for wages of workmen.

Enclosed I send you a list giving the titles proposed in the Act, the name of the person at present performing the duties of this office and his designation on the records of my office, as far as known.

It will be necessary formally to make on or before the 1st proximo^{na} submit to me for approval (even in cases where the present incumbent is re-appointed) nominations for appointments to these positions and to forward oaths of office.

These changes were made upon my suggestion for the purpose of securing a uniform designation for clerks performing similar duties at the different institutions, and without intending to affect the tenure of office of the clerks at present hold-

ing the positions named, and the list is furnished to guide, but not to control your judgment as to the proper appointments to be made to fill the positions.

Very respectfully,
Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

New York Assay Office.

Provided for by Appropriation Bill	Compensation	Similar position	By whom held	Compensation.
Assistant M & R.	\$2,500	Assistant to M & R	H. J. Martin	\$8. per day
Cashier	2,000	Paying Clerk	D. C. Roberts	\$2,000 " year
Book-keeper	2,350	Book-keeper	A. L. Weaver	\$1.50 per day
Abstract Clerk	1,800	Calculating Clerk	J. M. Cora	\$1,800 per year
Assayers Comptin Clerk	1,800			
Register of Deposits	1,250	Register of Deposits	J. C. Buregay	\$4. " day

Similar letter to New Orleans Mint with the following table:

Provided for by Appropriation Bill	Compensation	Similar position	By whom held	Compensation.
Assistant Assayer	1,900	Assistant to Assayer	F. T. Clausen	\$6. per day
Assistant M & R.	1,900	Treasurer	Andrus Rostrop	\$5.00 " "
" Coiner	1,900	Weigher	E. H. Barton	4.75 " "
Abstract Clerk	1,600	Deposit Clerk	John C. Schultze	\$1,600 per year
Assayers Comptin Clerk	1,600	Clerk	Samuel R. Stewart	1,600 " "
Register of Deposits	1,250	Register of Deposits	L. Magunder	4. per day
Warrant Clerk	1,250			
Assistant Weigh Clerk	1,250			
Cashiers Clerk	1,100			

A. Gordon Snowden Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 20, 1882

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces will be $113\frac{3}{4}$ cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. J. Davis Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

June 20, 1882

Sir:

Enclose herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses, the account of the "Picayune" amounting to \$13.50 for advertising for proposals for supplies required for your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 20, 1882

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Prof. F. W. Taussig
 Harvard University
 Cambridge, Mass.

June 20, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 15th. instant requesting a copy of my Report on the Statistics of the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States, has been received. The request was accidentally overlooked until to-day. The Report has been mailed you.

Regretting not to have complied with your request at an earlier day, I am, very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

P. Campbell, Esq.
 Wabasha, Minn.

June 20, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th. instant, relative to amount of silver coined in certain years, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, has been referred to this Office and in reply I forward you a copy of my Report for 1880. On pages 42, 43 44 and 45 will be found the desired information.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Thompsons Bank Note & Commercial Reporter
 25 Park Place, New York City.

June 20, 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd. inst., requesting to be furnished with information relative to description and redemption of U. S. coins, I send you my Report for 1880 and Circulars rel. to redemption of minor coins which contains the information desired.

Your request for information relative to counterfeits of U. S. coins if sent to the Secret Service Division of this Department will probably receive proper attention.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Publishers,
of the Inter Mountain
Butte City, Montana.
Gentlemen:

June 20, 1882

I will thank you to furnish to this Office for one year a copy of the weekly edition of the "Inter Mountain" and for which you will please transmit your account in duplicate for settlement.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to	
Publishers	Publishers
of the <u>Mining News</u> ,	of the <u>New South West</u> ,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.	Silver City, New Mexico.

Publishers	Publishers
of the <u>Miner</u> ,	<u>"Bed Rock Democrat"</u> ,
Socorro, New Mexico.	Baker City, Oregon.

Publishers	Publishers of the <u>"Times"</u> ,
of the <u>"News"</u> ,	Jacksonville.
Canyon City, Oregon.	Oregon.

Publishers	Publishers
of the <u>"Riville"</u> ,	of the <u>"Sentinel"</u> ,
Austin, Nevada.	Eureka, Nevada.

Publishers
of the "Mining Record,"
Park City, Utah.

Publishers
of the "Miner,"
Silver Reef, Utah.

Publishers
of the "Drill,"
Pinal City, Arizona.

Publishers
of the "Miner,"
Prescott, Arizona.

Publishers
of the "Arizona Star,"
Tucson, Arizona.

Publishers
of the "Epitaph,"
Tombstone, Arizona.

Publishers
of the "Mining Journal,"
Tucson, Arizona.

Publishers
of the "Sentinel,"
Yuma, Arizona.

Publishers
of the "Avalanche"
Silver City, Idaho.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 21, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. be increased Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said office with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.,

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

June 21, 1882

Sir,

I have requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased (\$10,000.) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 21, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Six $\frac{61}{100}$ Dollars (\$3,106.⁶¹) in Gold Coin, and Twenty Two $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars (\$22.¹³) in Silver Coin, making a total of Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Eight $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars (\$3,128.⁷⁴) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 927, dated June 16, 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

June 21, 1882

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars (\$3,367.57) in Gold Coin, and Twenty One $\frac{90}{100}$ Dollars (\$21.90) in Silver Coin, making a total of Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Nine $\frac{47}{100}$ Dollars (\$3,389.47) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 928, dated June 16, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 21, 1882

Sir:

As soon as you are prepared to commence the weighing of the gold bullion for the annual settlement, I will send a representative from my office to be present.

If desired immediately, telegraph me.

Very respectfully,
Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

June 21, 1882

Sir:

When do you desire to commence weighing
bullion for the annual settlement?

As soon as you are ready I will send a
representative of this office to be present.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

Messrs W. P. Sawyer,
and H. P. Gross,
Mint Bureau.

June 21, 1882

Gentlemen:-

You are hereby authorized and directed
to proceed to the Mint at New Orleans and be present
at the annual settlement between the operative
officers and the Superintendent.

You will ascertain from the books of the
Mint the amount of gold and silver delivered the
Melter and Refiner and Coiner since the last settlement
and the amounts returned by them during the
same period showing the respective balances with
which they are charged.

You will carefully note the amount and
character of the deliveries in settlement and as-
certain the actual wastage of the precious metals
during the year.

You will also weigh or count the coin,
bullion and other moneys in the custody of the
Superintendent and ascertain whether the same
agree with the amount with which he stands
charged.

After the completion of the settlement, you

will return to this office and report the result of your examination.

The officers in charge of the Mint are hereby instructed to afford you every facility for performing the duties assigned you.

Your necessary traveling expenses in the execution of this order will be paid (upon presentation of your account accompanied by proper vouchers) if Congress makes sufficient appropriation therefor.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 21, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayers report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of May, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. B. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

June 21, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent appropriation for the current year, the account of the Alta Californian amounting to \$16.66, for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your Mint for the fiscal year.

ending June 30, 1883,

I also transmit for payment the account of the Baltimore American, amounting to \$2.43, for advertising for proposals for ten (10) tons of Ingot Copper for your Mint.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supr. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco.

June 21, 1882

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank "Assayer's Reports on Gold Bullion" deposited at your Mint and as requested in your letter of the 14th inst., 10,000 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. James G. Fair,
 U. S. Senator,

June 21, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant recommending the retention of Alfred W. Beirce, a clerk in the San Francisco Mint and Miss Annie Clark for appointment as an adjuster, is received and has been forwarded with my endorsement to Mr. Edward T. Burton, recently appointed Superintendent.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

C. S. Kellogg, Esq.,

New Orleans, La.

June 21, 1882

Dear Sir:-

Your letter recommending Mr. Wm. M. Bessill for appointment as Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint is received. The article enclosed from the "New Orleans Bee" also speaks of him very highly for another position.

In case it is decided that there shall be a change his name will be presented among others for consideration.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Wm. Robt. Esq.,

1227 South Street

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 21, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your request of the 20th instant, for a copy of my Report on Production of Precious Metals recently submitted to Congress, I have to state that the same is not yet printed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James R. Ives, Esq.,

Publisher "Rocky Mountain Mining Review"

Denver, Col.

June 21, 1882

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office for one year, an additional copy of the Rocky Mountain Mining Review and that you transmit your account in duplicate for the same for payment. Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Wessons, Newey & Co.
Publishers Mining & Scientific Press.
 San Francisco, Cal.

June 21, 1882

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office for one year, an additional copy of the "Mining and Scientific Press" and that you transmit your account in duplicate for the same for payment.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Kandy & Cronise,
 24 Nassau Street,
 New York City.

June 22, 1882

Your offer of sixty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and nine hundredths cents accepted, other declined.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
 Denver, Colorado.

June 22, 1882

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and ten hundredths cents per ounce.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

June 22, 1882

Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company thirty-five thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and ten hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 22, 1882

Your offer declined.

Confirmed

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

June 22, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Wander & Cronise 60,000 ounces, at \$114.09

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury

June 22, 1882

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. be increased Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office, with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

June 22, 1882

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased \$50,000.~ by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

June 22, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the month ending May 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pine C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

June 22, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending May 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor

June 22, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending May 31st. 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

June 22, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending May 31st. 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Bouden Snowden, Esq.,

June 22, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

To the inquiry contained in your letter of June 21st. "Where the account of the Meller and Refiner for parting and refining does not exhibit a loss in those operations should any part of the loss incurred by sale of sweeps be paid from parting and refining appropriations", I reply the

loss on the sale of the sweeps which were obtained from the refineries or from the handling of bullion required to be parted and refined, should be re-imbursed from the appropriation for parting and refining unless the Melter and Refiner returns surplus bullion on settlement, in which case the value of the surplus bullion is to be deducted from such loss and the balance only charged to parting and refining. This is the proper construction to be given to the first paragraph on page 16 of the Regulations, which also points out the method of ascertaining the proportion of sweeps which originated in the refinery operations.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Sup't. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco,

June 22, 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 894, for \$23.96, being on account of Melting charges for part of month of June 1882, enclosed in your communication of June 14, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

June 22, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 896, for \$5,022.93, being on account of Refinery earnings during part of month of June 1882, enclosed in your communication of June 14th, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

June 22, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 896, for \$60.74, being on account of Alloy charges for part of the month of June 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 14th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

June 22, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Daily Coinage Statements, No. 85.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

June 22, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms have been mailed
you this day, viz:

500 Cashiers Summaries.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

June 22, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
"Statement of charges collected" on deposits of
Gold and Silver Bullion deposited at your Mint
during part of the month of June 1882.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Frederick Eckfeldt, Esq.,
Mint Bureau

June 23, 1882

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the Mint at Philadelphia, and be present at the annual settlement between the operative officers and the Superintendent.

You will proceed to ascertain the amount and total value of the bullion coin and other money in the custody of the Superintendent.

You will then ascertain from the books of the Mint the amounts of gold and silver delivered the Melters ^{and} Refiners ^{and} Coiners since the last settlement, the amounts returned by them during the same period and the respective balances which they should deliver on settlement.

Should the operative officers be prepared to make deliveries in settlement before the 30th, of June, you will cause such deliveries to be made to the Superintendent, to remain in your joint custody until the value of the bullion and the wastage, if any, of each officer can be ascertained and reported to the Director upon his arrival, at the close of the fiscal year and final settlement in his presence.

The officers in charge of the Mint are hereby instructed, to afford you every facility for performing the duties assigned you.

Your necessary traveling expenses in the execution of this order will be paid upon presentation of your account accompanied by proper vouchers if Congress makes sufficient appropriation therefor.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

W. B. Steier, Esq.
Office, First Auditor.

June 23, 1882

Sir:-

I have to request that you will report yourself at the New York Assay Office on Monday the 26th. instant to assist in making the annual settlement at that office.

You will particularly attend to the weighing for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the bullion and coin in the Cashiers hands, and if possible be able verbally to report the amount to me or to a representative of this office, on or before the 30th. instant. You will also attend and assist at the annual settlement of the Melted Refiner. Should sufficient appropriation for the contingent expenses of the Mint Bureau be made by Congress to defray the same, you will be allowed your necessary traveling and other expenses, an account of which you will render to this office at the conclusion of the settlement.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

June 23, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada for the month ending May 31st, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

June 23, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending May 31st. 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

June 23, 1882

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending May 31st. 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

June 23, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expenses account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the month ending May 31st. 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Silva, Esq.

June 23, 1882

Assayer in charge

U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending May 31st. 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

June 23, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank-

2000 Assayers Report upon Gold Bullion deposited, as requested in your letter of the 22nd. instant copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

S. F. Gates, Esq.

June 23, 1882

Cambridgeport, Mass.

Sir:

Yours of the 8th. instant was duly received. Troy weights are used at the Mints. The ounce contains 480 grains.

Silver bullion is purchased for coinage by the Secretary of the Treasury, upon bids forwarded to my office every Thursday. The lowest bids to the extent of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) worth of bullion

per month (including purchases by the Superintendent at the Mints, at rates fixed from time to time by the Director, not exceeding the London rate) are accepted.

As to the propriety of continuing the coinage of silver, there is no alternative but to coin the amount required by law until the Act is modified or repealed.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

June 24, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

To assist me in estimating from reliable data the production, consumption and circulation of the precious metals in the United States at any given period, I have the honor to request that the Collectors of Customs in the various districts of the United States, be directed to make monthly returns to the Director of the Mint, of the imports and exports of foreign and domestic gold and silver coin and bullion and if practicable to specify as to exports of domestic bullion, whether the bars purport to have been manufactured by a U. S. Mint or Assay Office or were made by private refineries.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard
Director.

C. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the

month of June at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received
viz:

3 Double Eagles	\$60.00
2 Standard Silver Dollars	2.00
Total Value	\$62.00

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent U.S. Assay Office,
New York

June 24, 1882

What amount of gold bars have you exchanged for gold coin, and is the demand for such exchange likely to continue?

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. D. Buntz, Esq.
Smyrna Mills, Aristook Co.,
Maine.

June 24, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th. inst., containing a small sample of dust is received. It contained a small amount of silver and a trace of gold.

If you desire an assay of the dust made it will be necessary for you to forward a larger sample (one or two pounds) and \$3. the price fixed by the Department to defray the expense thereof.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Editor:

June 24, 1882

Ten Mile News

Leadville, Col.

Sir:

Your bill of the 19th instant for subscription for one year for the Ten Mile News purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$3.- has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.

Miss L. R. Weeks.

June 24, 1882

of Prof. Thos. Eggleston,

#258 E. 49th St.

New York City.

Miss:

Your bill of the 22nd. instant, for clerical services rendered in preparing list of persons who can furnish mining information for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$5.- has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 26, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th. instant, stating that in my report upon the case of Martin V. Davis, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, I make no recommendation of action upon the part of the appointing power, and requesting me to say what my judgment is, as to the removal or retention of Mr. Davis.

In reply I have to say that the examination not having been instituted upon the request or direction of the President or Secretary it seemed to me sufficient to report the facts ascertained at the investigation for your consideration and for such action as your own judgment deemed appropriate.

The matters alleged with one exception, appear to have occurred prior to Mr. Davis' appointment as Superintendent of the Mint and would not afford cause for removal on account of misconduct as such officer. They, however, relate to his previous official conduct and if known should have prevented his appointment.

His improprieties and misconduct while Coiner, as disclosed by the investigation, seriously affect his reputation and standing, lessen confidence in his integrity and impair his usefulness as an officer of the Mint and I believe the interests of the service would be promoted by requesting his resignation and by its acceptance upon the selection and appointment of some competent person of character and integrity to the place.

I do not therefore recommend his removal

unless necessary by his refusal to resign.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

June 26, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that Eugene C. Adams, employed as Stenographer and Clerk in this office, at a compensation of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.) per month, under authority contained in your letter of October 10, 1881, has resigned to take effect on and after the 30th instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

June 26, 1882

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

In acknowledging the receipt of your account of expenditures in the collection of statistics relating to the production of the precious metals in the state of Colorado and certificate of deposit of the balance, Two Hundred Thirty Two and $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars (\$232, $\frac{67}{100}$) I desire to congratulate you and express my satisfaction upon the thorough manner in which you performed the duty required and your economical expenditure in procuring so much valuable information.

In writing up the report for Colorado which became necessary, because Mr. Hall's article was so general, I find that the reports for the mines, mills and smelters and from the rail-

road companies afforded me detailed information as to the production of counties which enabled me with approximate accuracy to ascertain the production of the different localities.

As soon as an appropriation is made, I shall again assign this work for Colorado to you to obtain similar and such additional information as you are able and to report to me for the calendar year by the 1st. of February if possible.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

June 26, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter relative to certain changes to take effect in the general department of your Mint on the 1st. proximo and submitting for approval, appointment to take effect on that date, and in reply I have to state, that inasmuch as the per diem of the persons whose services you propose to dispense with, including that of G. R. N. Newman, who resigned May 20, 1882, amounts to only \$9.75, while the per diem of the appointments submitted for approval, amount to \$12, making a per diem increase in your expenses for wages of \$2.25.

I do not deem it advisable to increase your force beyond the amount that the appropriation for wages warrants and to bring the amount within this sum it will be necessary that you withdraw the name of one of the parties or reduce the per diem to be paid so as to bring the amount within the appropriation.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

T. C. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

June 26, 1882

Sir:

I am advised by Col. Charles H. Tompkins, Quartermaster, U. S. Army at Chicago, that Messrs Pope Cole & Co. of Baltimore, have delivered to him ten (10) tons of Ingot Copper, which he has forwarded to your Mint.

I will thank you to inform me when the copper is received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco.

June 26, 1882

Forward Schedule of bids and awards thereon for supplies attested by one or more of the operative officers as required by paragraph six, page nineteen, instructions and regulations.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

Assayer U. S. Mint,

Denver, Col.

June 26, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year, account of the Empire Mine, amounting to \$2.83 for freight on crucibles shipped your Mint from Philadelphia to Chicago.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

E. B. Garrison, Esq.
Assayer in charge,
Helena, Montana

June 26, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:
1000 certificates of Gold Deposit, No 4. G.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 26, 1882

Sir:

Mr Freemanlte, Deputy Master of the Royal
Mint at London, Eng. requests copies of the
report of the Director of the Philadelphia Mint
for the years 1866-1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, and 1871. If
you have extra copies for these years please
forward them to him. If you cannot send
all, please inform me for what years you
have copies that you can spare.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

S. W. Freemanlte, Esq.
Royal Mint, London, Eng.

June 26, 1882

Sir:

Your request of the 13th. instant for copies
of the American Mint Report to complete your
set is received. I send you the report for 1878
and regret that I am unable to furnish you with
reports prior to the creation of the Office of the
Director of the Mint as a part of the Treasury

organization in 1873. I have written to the Philadelphia Mint requesting the Superintendent if he has the copies of the Director of that Mint as desired by you, that he forward them to your address.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Wm B. Allison, June 26, 1882
 Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
 U. S. Senate.

Sir:

Referring to our conversation in regard to the appropriation in the Deficiency Bill of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) as compensation for the services of the Hon. Alexander Ramsey in the examination of the San Francisco Mint and the omission of any compensation for Messrs Young and Houghton in this bill (which was stricken out in the House of Representatives on a point of order) I desire to call your attention not only to the official recommendation presented on page 57 of the House Executive Document, No. 33, of this Congress, entitled Estimate of Deficiencies, but also to the enclosed report of Messrs Ransom, Young and Houghton, who examined the San Francisco Mint. From the latter document you will see that they equally performed the service required and are entitled to equal compensation. It is true that Mr. Ramsey was personally named in my official appointment approved by the Secretary, page 3, of the report but he was authorized to make the examination either by himself or with the aid of such persons as the Secretary of the Treasury might

request to assist him. Messrs Young & Houghton were requested by the Secretary, to act in conjunction with him, the latter having at the time of Mr Ramsey's appointment been unofficially agreed upon, if he could be induced to accept the appointment.

My limited appropriation did not warrant us in engaging to pay these gentlemen any compensation for their services and I only undertook to pay and have paid out of the appropriation for the examination of Minors Mr Ramsey's necessary traveling and other expenses in the performance of this duty. They gave a patient hearing to all the parties and made a thorough examination and able report and are equally entitled to compensation for the performance of this duty.

I therefore respectfully recommend an amendment to the bill by inserting the names Thomas B. Young and Sherman O. Houghton after the name of Alexander Ramsey and that the word "each" be inserted before One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.-) the sum named as compensation for Mr. Ramsey.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

F. N. Chester, Esq.,

Trumansburg, N. Y.

Sir:

June 26, 1882

In reply to your request of the 26th. instant for a copy of my report on production of precious metals for 1881, I have to state that the report is not yet printed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

L. H. Simonson, Esq.,
Copenhagen,
Denmark.

June 26, 1882

Sir:

I forward you by to days mail, a copy of my special report on the production of the precious metals for 1880, as requested in your letter of the 6th. instant.

Very respectfully,
Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

The
Scientific Publishing Co.
27 Park Place
New York

June 26, 1882

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to forward to this Office for one year duplicate copy of the "Engineering and Mining Journal" for which you will please transmit your account for payment.

Very respectfully,
Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. S. S. Cox,
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives.

June, 26, 1882

Sir:

Referring to our conversation in regard to an appropriation for adding an additional story to the New York Assay Office, I desire to say I regard it as the most economical expenditure that can be made, for the improvement of that office.

Additional room is absolutely necessary

for carrying on, in a proper manner the operations of the New York Assay Office, and propositions have been made to purchase new sites or additional grounds and erect a commodious and convenient building. This would involve as you are aware, a very large expenditure but an additional story on the Wall Street front of the building would occasion no expense for grounds and would give from one third to one half additional room for the official and clerical work in the Assay Office.

I respectfully suggest that you as a representative from the City of New York and a member of the Committee on Appropriations, call the attention of the Committee to the necessity of this appropriation and procure the insertion of an appropriation of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.) for this purpose in the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

P. S. Please examine and submit plan of improvement accompanying the Secretary's letter.

W. W. Beach, Esq.,
Glidden, Iowa.

June 26, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency and referred to this office, relative to the value of the silver dollar of 1878 having eight tail feathers, I have to state that more than a million of these pieces were coined and are not worth more than any other coins of the

same denomination.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Laird & Marlow,
Central City,
Col.

June 26, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 20th instant for subscription for one year to the Weekly Register Call, purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$3.~ has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

To Thomas P. Cleaves Clerk of the Senate June 27, 1882
Committee on Appropriations,
United States Senate.

Nothing has been paid to Messrs Young & Thoroughton either for expenses or compensation. Mr Ramsay's expenses to, at, and returning from San Francisco have been paid.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint.

George B. Hanna, Esq.,
Assistant Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

June 27, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd. instant

stating that one of the sureties on your bond had become seriously involved and requested a release from the bond, and that the solvency of the other surety is still beyond question. This being the case I do not deem it necessary that any action should be had in the matter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

June 27, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith the nomination of C. H. Barton, to be Assistant Coiner, - the language of which (though probably not intended) implies that the nomination of Mr Barton is made in compliance with my instructions to nominate him. I have no objection to Mr Barton's appointment, but did not in the notice I sent intend to limit the right of the Coiner in nominating or you in appointing such person as he and you might prefer for the position. If Mr. Barton is not your mutual choice, withdraw his nomination and if he is, let the Coiner modify his recommendation by striking out the words "by instructions received from the Director".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Gen. S. V. Benét,

June 27, 1882

Chief of Ordnance,
War Department.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, stating that the dies for the first and third class army marksmanship medals are completed.

Before striking the medals, the Superintendent suggests that the value of the medals, as ordered, \$200.- for the gold and \$10.- for the silver being an amount of metal in excess of that required, recommends that the gold be limited to \$100.- and the silver to \$5.-. I will thank you to inform this office as early as practicable of your decision in the matter.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

L. C. Hughes, Esq.,

June 27, 1882

Proprietor Arizona Star,
Tucson, Arizona.

Sir:

I transmit herewith your account for Daily Star for one year. It was the Weekly Star that was desired by this office. You will please transmit your account and forward the weekly edition for one year.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

June 27, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
 have been mailed you this day, viz:
 4 Registers of Gold and Silver Deposits and Silver
 purchases.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Buschard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

June 28, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th
 instant enclosing statement of the bullion oper-
 ations of the Mclister & Refiner for the month of
 June 1882.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

June 28, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund
 of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col. be increased
 Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$50,000.) by a transfer of that
 amount and that the same be placed to the
 credit of the Assayer in charge of said assay
 office with the Colorado National Bank at Denver
 Col.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston, Actg. Director.

W. Silver Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

June 28, 1882

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased \$50,000.- by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank, at Denver, Col.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Thomas Donaldson, Esq.
132. North 40th St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 28, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury draft No. 17,363 on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York in your favor, for \$299 - the same being issued in payment of your expenses in visiting the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. in September and October 1880, at the request of this office.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colorado.

June 29, 1882

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed
Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,

27 Nassau Street,

New York.

June 29, 1882

Your offer of two hundred thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and four tenths cents per ounce accepted other declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

New Orleans, La.

June 29, 1882

Receive from Boston ² Colorado Smelting Company, forty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Jas. B. Colgate & Co

47 Wall Street, New York.

June 29, 1882

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Daniel Meyer,

San Francisco.

Similar telegram sent to

Anglo Californian Bank,

San Francisco.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

Supt. U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 29, 1882

Sir,

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and

pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—
Wandy & Cronise 200,000 Ounces, at $1\frac{1}{4}\frac{7}{8}$

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

June 29, 1882

Sir:

Your letter suggesting that 800 copies in wrappers and 200 copies without wrappers, of my Report upon the Production of Gold and Silver for 1881, be sent your office, is received. The report will not be ready for distribution for some months, in fact is not yet ordered to be printed, but I will enter your request.

I forward you by today's mail 25 copies of the report for 1880.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

June 29, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge ^{receipt of} the statement of your silver purchases from June 12, 1882, to June 19, 1882 and from June 19, 1882 to June 24, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 27, 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the three designs for Army marksmanship medals enclosed in your letter of the 7th instant together with a copy of a letter from Gen. S. V. Benet, Chief of Ordnance, stating that the Secretary of War approves designs Nos. 2nd & 3 but prefers another design for No. 1, and indicates that it should be a rifleman in a kneeling position. You will therefore cause a design to be prepared to meet the views of the Secretary of War and forward the same to this office to be forwarded to the Secretary for his inspection and approval.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 29, 1882.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Gen. S. V. Benet, Chief of Ordnance, enclosing copy of General Order, No 53, dated May 15, 1882, in regard to the Army marksmanship medals from which you will perceive that no value is placed on any of the medals and therefore the intrinsic value thereof must not be considered in their manufacture.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir.

June 29, 1882

I have the honor to request that you will furnish this office with a bound volume of Executive Document #9. 46 Congress 2^d Session.

I am very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

June 29, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book of Gold Ingots manufactured.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Helena.

June 29, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book of Gold Receipts No. 7. G.

1 Book of Mint Receipts No. 8. G.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. F. Childs, Esq.
Office of Public Printer,

June 29, 1882

Sir:

Please correct and return. The first word as I understand, should be Fifteen instead of Five.

Very respectfully,
Honatis C. Burchard,
Director.

Eugene C. Adams, Esq.
Care The Bradstreet Co.,
P. O. Box 2848,
New York.

June 29, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury draft No. 17572, on the Assistant Treasurer at New York for One Hundred Dollars \$100.- the same having been issued in payment of your account for services as stenographer and clerk in this office during the month of June 1882.

Very respectfully,
Honatis C. Burchard,
Director.

Thomas D. Colmar, Esq.
#44 Rue de Chateline
Paris, France.

June 29, 1882

Sir:

What is the price of the arithometer invented by you some years ago and of whom can it be purchased?

Very respectfully,
Honatis C. Burchard,
Director.

John Mason, Esq.,
1348 F. St. (n.w.)
Washington, D.C.

June 29, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury draft, No. 17,366, in your favor, for the sum of \$2.⁰⁰, the same being issued in payment of subscription of this office to the "American Register" for one year, to July 1, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Wm. S. P. Rounds
Public Printer,
Government Printing Office,

June 29, 1882

Sir:

Please make an estimate and send me by bearer, of the cost of publishing 15,000 copies of my Annual Report of the Production of the Precious Metals, for the year 1881, manuscript of which is in your hands. It has been ordered to be printed by the House and a House Resolution is before the Senate Committee to print 15,000 extra copies. The estimated cost of printing the same number of previous reports was \$5,400.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

It will be about the same size as the Report for 1880, of which I send you copy

J. Bradley Adams Esq.,
Stationer, F. St. bet. 7th & 8th Sts.
Washington, D.C.

June 29, 1882

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office with two

dozen of "Van Haar's Perfect Binder" of the following sizes, viz:

$\frac{3}{4}$ dozen 7×10 inches

$\frac{1}{4}$ " $10\frac{1}{2} \times 15$ "

$\frac{1}{2}$ " $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9$ "

$\frac{1}{2}$ " $10 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$

You will please forward receipted bills in duplicate to this office for payment.

I am Sir very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

E. O. Beech, Care Superintendent

June 30, 1882

United States Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Coiners gold wastage and the loss on sale of sweeps except on silver in coiners sweeps can be used as proposed in dispatch of yesterday.

Coiners silver wastage and loss on sale of silver in coiners sweeps must be paid from silver profit fund.

I congratulate the Superintendent and officers on the favorable settlement made by the latter.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

June 30, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing statements of Coiners Gold and Silver Workings for the month of June 1882, has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Wm. Charles F. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 30, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of One Thousand Thirty-Four $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars, (\$1,034.⁸⁸/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin, and Fifteen $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars, (\$15.⁷⁵/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Thousand Fifty $\frac{63}{100}$ Dollars, (\$1,050.⁶³/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 972, dated June 27, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard,
Director.

Telegram

Frederick Eckfeldt.

June 30, 1882

Care Mint Philadelphia.

Mr. Storer will be in Philadelphia tomorrow morning to assist you.

Horatio C. Burghard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

June 30, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st inst enclosing statement showing amount of deductions from Gold and Silver deposits at your Mint during the quarter ending June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard, Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint

June 30, 1882

Philadelphia, Pa.

The Bill appropriating for next years Mint service not having passed, withhold for the present the appointments advised in my letter of the 17th. instant.

A joint resolution passed yesterday, authorizes the expenditure for 20 days of a pro rata proportion, of the amount appropriated for this years service.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

E. M. Stocker, Esq.,
Mint Bureau.

June 30, 1882.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed to Philadelphia, Pa. and thereon and after the 1st proximo assist Mr. Frederick Eckfeldt of this office as long as he may require your services, in making the annual settlement at the Philadelphia Mint. While engaged in this service, you will be allowed your actual traveling and other necessary expenses, upon the presentation of your account accompanied by proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York City.

June 30, 1882

Sir:

I have received from the Treasury Department an account amounting to \$1,00.³⁸ in payment for distinctive paper for the use of your office. As you have drawn the entire amount of the appropriation for the contingent expenses of your office, it will be necessary for you to deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. the above named sum, in order that payment may be made of the account above named.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

June 30, 1882.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th, instant, enclosing a report from the Assayer showing the variations in the fineness, from samples taken from different parts of silver ingots ^{and} variations from the fineness from the granulations from the same melts, is received. I think it is desirable to continue the investigation ^{in the} segregation, which appears to be unusual. My first impression would be that these excessive segregations resulted from the condition of the metal when poured into the moulds. I recommend that experiments from time to time be instituted by the Meller & Refiner, to ascertain if possible the cause of the segregation and to report the result to you for my information.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

B. F. Stephens, Esq.,
4 Trafalgar Square,
London, England.

June 30, 1882

Sir,

I will thank you to procure and send to this office the Journal des Economistes, for the month of March 1881, enclosing bills, receipts in duplicate for payment.

I am Sir very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

J. W. Hollingsworth, Esq.,
Paoli, Ind.

June 30, 1882

Sir,

Your letter of the 24th, instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office and in reply I have to state that you may legally buy up, melt and manufacture into jewelry, mutilated silver coin of the United States.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. Odhner, Esq.,
St. Petersburg, Russia,

June 30, 1882

Sir,

I will thank you to manufacture and forward to this office one of your arithmometers, transmitting your account for the same in duplicate to this office, when a bill of exchange will be sent you in payment.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Wm Kinston Balch, Esq.,

427, Walnut St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

June 30, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday is received. The manuscript of my report is in the hands of the Printer. I have no objection to your copying from it any portion that you desire. If you will furnish me with a statement of the information and tables you wish, I will forward you such as can be conveniently supplied by my office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Supt Mint

San Francisco.

July 1st 1882

Coin six hundred thousand silver dollars in July.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Supt Mint

Carson Nevada.

July 1st 1882.

Coin Eighty thousand silver dollars in July.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.

Supt Mint U. S.

New Orleans

July 1st 1882.

Sir.

The number of silver dollars to be coined by your mint during the month of July is hereby fixed at 550,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
 Supt Mint U. S.
 Philadelphia

July 1st 1882. ✓

Sir,

✓ The number of silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of July is hereby fixed at 1,050,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Noratto C. Burchard.
 Director

P. C. Van Wyck
 Supt U. S. Assay Office.
 New York.

July 1st 1882.

Sir,

✓ C. D. No 980 for \$15. Being on account of assays of bullion not deposited 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Noratto C. Burchard
 Director

P. C. Van Wyck
 Supt U. S. Assay Office.
 New York.

July 1st 1882.

Sir,

✓ C. D. No 981 for \$731.20, being on account of parting and refining charges enclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the

Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation for parting
and refining bullion.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

P. C. Van Wyck.

July 1st 1882

Supt U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

Sir:

C. D. No 982 for \$194.84 being on account of melting
alloy and bar charges enclosed in your communication
of the 29th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed,
and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal
credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and
the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a mis-
cellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram Supt Mint

July 1st 1882.

Philadelphia

Telegraph your coinage for June.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

A London Snowden Esq.

July 1st 1882.

Supt U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from your ap-
propriation for contingent expenses for the fiscal year
ended June 30, 1882, the account of the "Day" amount-
ing to \$56.25 for advertising proposals for supplies
required by your Mint during the fiscal year

ending June 30, 1883.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

A. London Snowden.

July 1st 1882

Capt U. S. Mint. Phil.

Sir,

I have received the following special assay coins received from the deliveries of your mint during the month of June, viz

4 Standard Silver Dollars	\$4.	
3 Eagles and 1 Half Eagle	\$35.	\$39

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

A. London Snowden.

July 1st 1882.

Capt U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have received bronze copy of a medal struck in commemoration of the adoption of the great seal, the shipment of which was advised by your letter of the 29th ultimo.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram C. O. Luch

July 1st 1882.

U. S. Mint.

San Francisco. Cal.

If Capt. prefers, coinage operations may be suspended until after the 15th or until new coiners qualify, but must be resumed in time to coin six hundred thousand or more silver dollars in July, if Capt.

efficient silver is procured. Will forward bond promptly after confirmation

Noratus C. Burchard.

Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.

July 1st 1882.

Supt Mint. U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir,

As it is desired, in order to relieve the other mints, that you should coin as many silver dollars as possible during the present month, as the supply of silver will allow, I have approved of the temporary appointment of two of the workmen named by you in your letter of the 28th ultimo viz: W. J. Foley and John Williams, but am of the opinion that a third workman will not be required.

Very respectfully.

Noratus C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger

July 1st 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 22nd ultimo in regard to a change in the present life saving medals. I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint in regard to the same. It will be observed from Mr Snowden's letter that the weight of the medals will have to be reduced and that as the inscriptions cannot be taken off the present dies, new dies will have to be prepared, in conformity with the present design. These dies can be prepared at the Mint without any additional expense to the Department.

Very respectfully.

Noratus C. Burchard Director.

A. London Snowden.July 3rd 1882

Capt U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant enclosing Engineers Log for the month of June 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden.July 3rd 1882.

Capt U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st inst enclosing Corners statements for the week, month and year ending June 30th 1882 has been received.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.July 5th 1882

Capt Mint U. S.

New Orleans.

Sir,

Your application for leave of absence from July 12th for 30 days for reasons stated by you has been received and is hereby granted.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

M. V. Davis Esq.July 5th 1882.

Capt U. S. Mint. New Orleans.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing two eagles

and two standard silver dollars reserved for special assay from the coinage of your mint during the month of June 1882, has been received

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.

July 5th 1882

Capt U. S. Mint.

New Orleans La.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 1st inst enclosing a report of the reserved assay coins at your mint for the quarter ending June 30 1882.

I am Sir very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Herman Silver Esq.

July 5th 1882.

Assayer U. S. Mint

Denver Col.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing the following statements viz:

Statement of domestic production, for the month of June

" " deposits and purchases

" " bars manufactured.

" " bullion received for June 1882

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Herman Silver Esq.

July 5th 1882.

Assayer U. S. Mint Denver Col.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 30th ultimo.

transmitting reports of the bullion melted at your Mint during the quarter ending June 30 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

N. Silver Esq.

July 5th 1882.

Assayer U. S. Mint.

Denver Col.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing abstract of one assay for the quarter ended June 30 1882 also C.D. to 915 for \$5.4 to the credit of the United States on account of assays of ores.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

N. Silver Esq.

July 5th 1882.

Assayer U. S. Mint.

Denver Col.

Sir,

I transmit herewith Blank bond, which I will thank you to have executed in the sum of \$10,000 by John S. Dornier, who has been appointed Melter of your Mint and forward the same to this office. As soon as Mr Dornier's commission has been received, it will be transmitted to you with instructions to hold the same, until informed that his bond has been received and approved, when, you will be instructed by telegraph to deliver his commission.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

July 5th 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa

Sir,

I am informed by the Assayer in charge at the U. S. Mint at Denver Col. that all the supplies which you were requested to purchase for that Mint, in letter from this office of April 11th 1882, were received, except the press for making cupels. I will thank you to inform me if the same has been forwarded, and if so when.

The Assayer informs me that the bill for one pair of Assay tongs, has not yet been received.

Please cause the same to be forwarded.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard
Director.

C. J. Cowles Esq.

July 6th 1882.

Assayer in Charge.

Charlotte N. C.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing the following statements viz:

Statement of deposits and purchases for June 1882

" " " " " for fiscal " "

" " " " " Gold & Silver of domestic production " " "

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard
Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

July 5th 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that six glass acid siphons, imported by Emier and Amend of New York for the use of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev.

He admitted free of duty.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Purchard.

Director.

P. C. Van Wyck Esq.

July 5th 1882.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

Sir,

Enclosed I forward you a letter received from Mr Cox, of the Committee on Appropriations, which states his action and the conclusion of the Committee in regard to improving the Assay Office.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Purchard.

Director.

P. C. Van Wick

July 5th 1882.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York City.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz;

4 Registers of Gold and Silver Deposits No 188. C.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Purchard.

Director.

Supt Mint U. S.

July 5th 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of July 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$22.50 payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal

year viz:

Contingent Expenses 1883 25.00

Parting and Refining " 20.000

Very respectfully

Noratto C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco Cal.

July 5th 1882.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 24th ultimo enclosing a certification of the weights used in the transaction of business at your Mint as compared and regulated by the Standard weights kept for that purpose.

Very respectfully

Noratto C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco.

July 5th 1882.

I cannot insert date, as bond would be illegal. Please Gorham execute and forward bond inserting July 1st as date of commission.

Noratto C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco

July 6th 1882.

Twenty thousand dollars on account of parting and refining and two thousand five hundred dollars on account of contingent expenses will be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer San Francisco by telegraph

Noratto C. Burchard.

Director.

Edward J. Burton Esq.
Supt U.S. Mint.
San Francisco.

July 5th 1882

Sir,

Charles M. Gotham having been confirmed as Commissioner of your Mint, I transmit herewith Blank Bond, which I will thank you to have Mr Gotham properly execute and forward to this office. Mr Gotham's commission has not yet been received but having been confirmed on the 1st instant, his commission will be of that date. As soon as it is received, it will be forwarded to you with instructions to hold the same until his bond has been received and approved when, instructions will be sent you by telegraph to deliver his commission to him.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

S. J. Armstrong, Secretary
National Mining & Industrial Exposition Association
Denver Col.

July 5th 1882

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter inviting me to be present at the opening ceremony of the National Mining and Industrial Exposition Association, on the 1st of August. Please accept for yourself, and present to Mr Silver, my thanks for the invitation. If official duties will permit, I purpose to attend on that occasion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

John Booth Esq.

July 5th 1882.

Proprietor, Russ River Revue

Austin - Tex.

Sir,

I return herewith the account for the "Daily Revue", not wishing to subscribe for the daily edition.

Very respectfully,

Noratis C. Burchard.

Director.

New Mexican Printing & Publishing Co.

July 5th 1882.

Santa Fe N.M.

Gentlemen,

I return herewith your bill for four copies "Daily New Mexican" from July 1 to June 30th 1882. It is the "Weekly Morning News" that is desired, and you will please forward the same, together with duplicate bills therefor.

Very respectfully,

Noratis C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon. S. J. Cox

July 6th 1882.

House of Representatives.

Sir,

I have your note of the 3rd instant and will send it to Mr. Van Wyck as you suggest. You have done all that is necessary under the circumstances and I have no objection to the matter resting until next session.

Very respectfully,

Noratis C. Burchard.

Director.

W. R. Balch Esq.

427 Walnut St.

Philadelphia Pa.

July 5th 1882.

Sir.

Yours of the 1st instant was duly received. It will not be possible to furnish you copies of tables corresponding to the tables on many of the pages that you mention for the reason that some of the information will not appear in the report for 1881.

It will be much better for you to come or send to this city and examine the manuscript and collect such tables as you desire to have copied.

The report, however, is now in the hands of the printer, and is about to be put in type, and unless desired for immediate use. It would be preferable for you to take proof copies of such portions as you desire to be furnished by the printer.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard

Director.

Telegram.

Capt. Mint

San Francisco.

July 6th 1882.

Receive from Nevada Bank fifty five thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and three quarter cents per ounce, and sixty three thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and seven eighths cents per ounce.

From J. B. Wagner ninety three thousand ounces at one hundred and fourteen cents per ounce, from David Meyer one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and ten hundredths cents per ounce.

Horatio C. Burckhard.

Director.

Confirmed.

James Crawford Esq.
 Superintendent U.S. Mint.
 Carson Nev.

July 6th 1882.

Sir,

I have received your letter dated June 28th ultimo enclosing a Statement of the refinery operations and refining expenses at your Mint during the month of May 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratus C. Burchard.

Quictor.

James Crawford Esq.
 Supt. U.S. Mint.
 Carson Nev

July 6th 1882.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing the refining expense account of your Mint for the month of May 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratus C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram Supt. U.S. Mint.
 Carson Nev.

July 6th 1882.

Offer of Williams accepted.

Noratus C. Burchard

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram Supt U.S. Mint.
 New Orleans La.

July 6th 1882.

Receive forty five thousand ounces from Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. at one hundred fourteen and twelve hundredths cents per ounce.

Noratus C. Burchard.

Quictor

Confirmed.

Telegram J. B. Naggi.July 6th 1882.

San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram Norada BankJuly 6th 1882.

San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram Nandy and Cronie.July 6th 1882.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

Your offer accepted.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram Nelmich and Nanson.July 6th 1882.

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram Daniel MeyerJuly 6th 1882.

San Francisco.

One hundred thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.July 6th 1882.

Denver Col.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred
fourteen and twelve hundredths cts per ounce fine.

Confirmed.

Noratio C. Burchard Quictor.

Wm J. P. Nawley.
U. S. Senator.

July 6th 1882.

Sir.

Referring to our conversation in regard to the House Resolution before the Committee on Printing, to authorize the printing of 15,000 copies of my Report on the production of the precious metals in the United States for 1881. I respectfully call your attention to the enclosed copies of notices made by foreign journals of my last report for 1880, of which the same number of copies was printed by order of Congress. I also enclose copy of a communication to the "Engineer and Mining Journal" of May 20th 1882, which points out how much more complete the statistics of the production of California in 1880, obtained through this Bureau were, than those procured through other sources.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Wm Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 6th 1882.

Sir.

I have the honor to request that the employment from this date of Mrs Mary C. Pendar, in this Bureau as copyist at a compensation of Seventy Five Dollars ^{\$75} per month be authorized by you to be paid from the appropriation contained in the first Section of an Act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar passed February 28, 1878. I enclose herewith the recommendation of the Senators and Representatives from Massachusetts for the transfer of Mrs Pendar to this office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

July 6th 1882.

Sir,

C.D. No 1013 for \$100.38 being on account of Contingent Expenses U. S. Assay Office N. Y. 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 5th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ordinary expense accounts, and the amount to be covered in to the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent expenses U. S. Assay Office. New York 1882.

Noratio C. Burchard.
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

July 6th 1882

Sir,

I transmit herewith for payment from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year ended June 30 1882 the account of the "Graphic" for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1883.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

July 6th 1882.

Sir,

Your letter of the 5th instant calling my attention to the debit balance of \$2174.29 in the bullion profit and loss account and asking instructions as to what dispo.

action to make of it is provided. As the memorandum of your annual Statement furnished by Mr Stear, shows a net surplus of \$16,817.18 returned by the Minter and Refiner, you are instructed to enter the latter amount to the credit of the bullion ^{profit and loss account, and then close up the latter} account by crediting profit and loss and debiting bullion profit and loss with the balance remaining after deducting the \$2,174.29 from the net surplus.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

R. B. Harrison Esq.

Assayer in Charge.

Helena Montana.

July 6th 1882.

✓ Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

✓ 1000 Memoranda of Silver bullion deposited. 43. D.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

July 6th 1882.

✓ Sir,

I have received your communication of the 5th inst enclosing the ordinary and Standard Silver dollar accounts of your Mint for the month of May 1882

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
 Supt. U.S. Mint.
 Philadelphia Pa

July 6th 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz
 2000 Assayers report on Gold Bullion deposited No 39. A

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

A. London Snowden Esq.
 Supt U.S. Mint.
 Philadelphia.

July 6th 1882

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit of -

Wandy & Cronie 200.000 ounces at 114.09

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

A. London Snowden Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 Philadelphia Pa.

July 6th 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing a statement of the charges imposed on bullion received at your Mint during the month of June 1882

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard Quictor.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir:

July 7th 1882

Your requisitions for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of July 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$38270.40 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year viz

Salaries	1883	<u>\$1,909.60</u>
Wages of Workmen	1883	<u>\$19,171.20</u>
Contingent Expenses	1883	<u>6,389.60</u>
Coinage, silver dollars		<u>10,000.00</u>
Parting & Refining		<u>\$ 800.00</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
Supt Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 7th 1882

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 6th instant requesting an advance of \$15,000 to be made from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollars, to meet the probable expenses of your mint during the current month and in reply I have to state that as the allotment of silver dollars to be coined by your mint during the month has been fixed at 1,050,000, and the cost of such coinage being reckoned at not over 1¢ per piece, I do not deem it proper to advance an amount in excess of that rate. I have therefore requested an advance to be made you from the appropriation for the coinage of silver dollars, of \$10,000.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

E. F. Burton Esq.July 7th 1882Supt U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir.

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 10,000 Assayers reports on Gold Bullion deposited
No 39. a.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.July 7th 1882

✓ Award of Contracts for supplies required by your
Mint for the current fiscal year as advised by
letter of fifteenth ultimo approved. Purchases of
supplies will therefore be made of the successful
bidders under their contracts.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

W. C. Steier Esq.July 7th 1882

Offici First Auditor.

Sir.

Your report of the 7th inst upon the annual settlement
of the New York Assay Office has been received.

Please accept my thanks for the satisfactory manner
in which you have made the examination.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Miss L. R. Necker.

July 7th 1882.

258 E. 49th Street

New York City.

Madam

I enclose herewith Treasury Draft No 17412 on Assistant Treasurer U. S. New York in your favor for the sum of \$8. the same having been received in payment of your account for services in preparing list of persons to enable this office to collect statistics relating to the production of the precious metal in the U. S.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Messrs Emier & Amend.

July 7th 1882.

205 & 211 Third Avenue.

New York.

Gentlemen

I am informed by the Secretary of the Treasury that he has instructed the Collector of Customs at New York to admit free of duty six 6 glass siphons imported for the use of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. it being understood by the Department that the price paid for the siphons is exclusive of duty.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Monsieur Roustan.

July 7th 1882.

French Minister

Washington D. C.

Sir:

Your letter calling my attention to the application of Mrs Emilie Ailhand, nee Choppy for employment in the New Orleans Mint. has been received. I have referred the letter to the Superintendent of the

Philadelphia Mint with a endorsement calling his attention to your recommendation with the request that he give it such consideration, as the interests of the government will permit.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Quictor.

Hon R. P. Flower

House of Representatives

Sir,

July 7th 1882.

I transmit herewith copies of letter from the Master and Refiner and Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York in answer to complaint made by you to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to fumes escaping from the Assay Office.

It is hoped that the measures taken will in future obviate all cause of complaint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Quictor.

Telegram. E. O. Lusk

Care Carson Mint Nev.

July 7th 1882

Statement of Carson Settlement Satisfactory.

You can if you prefer return by Denver and St Louis.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Quictor.

James Crawford Esq.

Sup U. S. Mint.

Carson City.

July 8th 1882.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted as early as practicable the annual statement of the operations of your

Mint which are used in the preparation of my Annual Report of the work of the fiscal year as follows viz:

- 1st Deposits and purchases of gold and silver.
- 2nd Gold and silver of domestic production.
- 3rd Gold and silver coinage.
- 4th Gold and silver bars manufactured, during, and on hand at the commencement and close of the fiscal year.
- 5th Operations of the Refining showing gross ounces operated upon and standard ounces of gold and silver returned.
- 6th Earnings and Expenditures.
- 7th Wastages and loss on sale of sweeps.
- 8th Number of melts of ingots made and number condemned.
- 9th Percentage of coin produced from gold and silver operated upon by the Mint.
- 10th Gold and silver bullion weight and value, respectively on hand at commencement and close of fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Similar letter addressed to.

Superintendent U. S. Mint New Orleans.

Superintendent U. S. Mint San Francisco. ✓

Calvin J. Cowles.

July 8th 1882.

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office Charlotte N.C.

Sir.

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted as early as practicable the annual statements of the operations of your office, which are used in the preparation of my annual report of the work of the fiscal year as follows viz.

- 1st Deposits and purchases of gold and silver.
- 2nd Gold and silver of domestic production.

3rd gold and silver bars manufactured.

4th Earning and Expenditures.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Similar letter addressed to.

✓ Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint Denver.

✓ Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office Helena.

✓ Assayer & Melter in Charge U. S. Assay Office Boise Idaho.

✓ Assay in Charge U. S. Assay Office St Louis Mo.

✓ Perce C. Van Wyck Esq.

July 8th 1882

✓ Capt U. S. Assay Office.

✓ New York.

✓ Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted as early as practicable the annual statement of the operations of your office which are used in the preparation of my annual report of the fiscal year as follows viz:

✓ 1st Deposits and purchases of gold and silver.

✓ 2nd Gold and silver of domestic production.

✓ 3rd Gold and silver bars manufactured. Summ'd. and on hand at the commencement and close of the fiscal year.

✓ 4th Operations of the Refining showing gross ounces operated upon and Standard ounces of gold and silver returned.

✓ 5th Earnings and expenditures.

✓ 6th Wastage and loss on sale of scraps.

✓ 7th Gold and silver bullion, weight and value respectively on hand at commencement and close of fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Quictor.

A London & London Esq.

July 8th 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint. Phil. Pa.
Sir.

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted as early as practicable the annual statements of the operation of your Mint, which are used in the preparation of my annual report of the work of the fiscal year as follows viz:

1st Deposits and purchases of gold and silver.

2nd Gold and silver of domestic production.

3rd Gold and silver coinage.

4th Gold and silver bars manufactured during and on hand at the commencement and close of the fiscal year.

5th Operations of the refining showing gross ounces operated upon and standard ounces of gold and silver returned.

6th Dies manufactured (Coinage and Medal)

7th Medals manufactured.

8th Medals and proof sets sold.

9th Earnings and expenditures.

10th Wastage and loss on sale of scraps.

11th Number of melts of ingots made and number condemned.

12th Percentage of coin produced from gold and silver operated upon by the Coiner.

13th Gold and silver bullion weight and value respectively on hand at commencement and close of fiscal year.

14th Minor coins retired and exchanged.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Pritchard.

Director.

Edward T. Burton Esq.

July 8th 1882.

Capt U. S. Mint.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir,

✓ Your letter of the 20th ultimo, enclosing statement of sale of old material and receipt for assays for the quarter ended June 30th 1882 has been received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Edward T. Burton Esq.

July 8th 1882

Capt U. S. Mint.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir,

✓ I have received your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing storekeepers report of supplies received and issued for the six months, ended June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Edward T. Burton.

July 8th 1882.

Capt U. S. Mint.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir,

✓ I enclose herewith the commission of Charles M. Gorham, as Comr at your Mint, which you will please hold until the bond of Mr Gorham has been received and approved, when you will be notified by telegraph to deliver the commission.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

July 8th 1882.

Capt U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing a statement of the minor coinage operations at your Mint during the month of June ultimo.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Capt U. S. Mint.

July 8th 1882.

Philadelphia.

C.D. No 5570 for \$60 being on account of assays 2nd Quarter 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 7th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury is personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be carried into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

N. Silver Esq.

July 8th 1882

Assayer U. S. Mint.

Denver Col

Sir:

I enclose herewith the commission of John S. Ormer, as Minter at your Mint, which you will please hold until the bond of Mr Ormer has been received and approved when you will be notified by telegraph to deliver the commission.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

N. Lillow, Esq.

July 8th 1882.Assayer in Charge.
Denver Mint.

Sir,

I send you by to days mail a supply of blanks for use in procuring amounts of bullion shipped by Express Companies.

I have made requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the printing of the other blank forms required by you in obtaining Statistics. As my report will be for the calendar year 1882, it will be sufficient if the mini and mill returns be procured for that period, and the requests should be prepared and ready for mailing promptly on December 10th. The Statistics of shipment by Express and Railroads, the amount of bullion handled by banks and the production of smelters should be by six months periods.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Victor.

Peire C. Van Wick Esq.

July 8th 1882.Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir,

The Register of Deposit at the New York Assay Office for the quarter ended June 30, 1882. has been received.

Upon examining it I do not find any evidence that it has been submitted weekly to the Minter and Refiner or even to yourself for examination, as required by the second paragraph of Section 2 under the head of receipt of bullion and the Instructions and Regulations of 1881 pages 3 and 4.

There are occasional minutes under the head of note by the Minter and Refiner but they appear to be in the handwriting of the Register of Deposits. Probably the

best evidence that the Melters and Refiners and Superintendent have performed their duty in this respect and made the examination as required by the Regulations is for them to note examined, and sign the register, the former on the right and the latter on the left of the page. This is the method in use at the Mints and in accordance with my verbal directions. As the Register is a permanent record in this office it is desirable that it should show on its face compliance with the Regulations.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Pierre C. Van Nyek.

July 8th 1882

Capt U. S. Assay Office.
Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 6th instant, and the conversation with you and Mr Mason in regard to reimbursing the parting and refining account for a portion of the expenses charged to that account, incurred in parting gold and silver solely for the benefit of the government, I desire to say that I have conferred with the First Auditor of the Treasury and his Deputy and they doubt the propriety of such procedure. However, if Mr Mason can furnish a statement showing the number of ounces of each deposit so parted and the cost of parting at the rates fixed by the Secretary and myself, as a basis and voucher, an entry could be made in the books charging bullion profit and loss (if not closed out) and crediting parting and refining with that amount & the balance to the credit of bullion, profit and loss could be deposited in the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt. If this entry should be disallowed by the auditing officers, the amount thus credited to parting and refining.

would afterwards have to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Of course it makes no difference to the government whether the whole is covered in as a miscellaneous receipt or is entered in this way but the latter makes a more creditable showing in the parting and refining account at your institution. I directed in my last letter that the bullion profit and loss account should be closed out by crediting the balance to profit and loss. It would be just as well to close the balance in the Bullion profit and loss account by covering it in as a miscellaneous receipt. It will be necessary to cover it in as a separate deposit, even if the net balance is covered into the profit and loss account.

very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

James Crawford Esq.

Sup U. S. Mint

Carson Nev.

Sir:

July 8th 1882.

I have received your letter of the 1st instant in regard to requisition made by you in March last for glass siphons, and in reply I have to say that repeated efforts were made to procure them in this country but it was found that they would have to be imported, and an order was accordingly given for their importation, and they will be forwarded to you in a short time.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram Sup't Mint U.S.
New Orleans.

July 8th 1882.

✓ You are authorized to ship sweeps to Superintendent U.S.
Assay Office. New York.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director.

M. R. Balch Esq.
427 Walnut Street
Philadelphia.

July 8th 1882.

Sir,

In further reply to your letter of the 1st instant.
I have to state that the report on production is now in
press and proof sheets are being received daily and
as soon as those covering the matter you desire come
to hand I will take pleasure in transmitting them
to you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Joseph Munnico Jr. Esq.
Chief Bureau of Statistics.

July 8th 1882.

Sir,

Please furnish me for use in preparing my
next annual report, a Statement of Imports and Ex-
ports of Gold and Silver bullion during the fiscal year
1882, similar to the enclosed pages.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir.

July 8th 1882

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the assay office U.S. at Helena, Montana to that of the assay office at New York, of the sum of thirteen thousand one hundred thirty nine $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars

\$13,139.66 in Gold Coin, and three hundred sixty six $\frac{19}{100}$ \$366.19 in Silver Coin, making a total of thirteen thousand

three hundred and six $\frac{85}{100}$ dollars 13,505.85 being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, for Coinage as shown in memorandum No 2062, dated June 16th 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Fitchard.

Victor.

Philip C. Van Mycke, Esq.
Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

July 10th 1882.

Sir.

I enclose herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30 1882 the account of the Evening Post (#174) for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Victor.

M. V. Davis Esq.

July 10th 1882

Supt U. S. Mint.

New Orleans La.

Sir,

Your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing statement of charges collected during the month and fiscal year ended June 30 1882 has been received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.

July 10. 1882.

Supt Mint U. S.

New Orleans.

Sir,

Your letter of the 6th instant enclosing statement of Gold and Silver Bullion requiring parting and refining for fiscal year 1882 has been received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt Mint

July 10. 1882.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to one hundred thirteen and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

First Auditor

July 10. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement. the ordinary expense account of C. C. Jewett Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office St Louis Mo. for the month ending June 30 1882 rendered to me for the

purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Auditor.

First Auditor

July 10th 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination the ordinary expenses account of N. Silver Esq. Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col for the month ending June 30th 1882. Your attention is respectfully invited to an overpayment of 10 cts in voucher No 90 Salomon Bros.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

N. Silver Esq.

July 10th 1882

Assayer U. S. Mint.

Denver Col.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant in regard to non receipt of cupel press, I have to invite your attention to a copy of a letter (herewith enclosed) from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia in regard to the same.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Auditor.

R. B. Narison Esq.

July 10th 1882.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office.

Nelsona Mont.

Sir,

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased \$100,000 by a transfer of

that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit
with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. Silvers

July 10th 1882

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint.
Denver Col.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting
offices of the Department for examination and settlement
your vouchers and ordinary account for the month
ending June 30th 1882 with my approval, excepting 10^{cts}
overpayment voucher No 90 (Acct Salomon Bros).

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. Silvers Esq.

July 10th 1882.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver Col.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary
Expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the
month ending June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt Mint.

July 10th 1882.

Carroll Rev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thir-
teen and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Gen. S. V. BenetJuly 10th 1882.

Chief of Ordnance.

War Department.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 28th ultimo in regard to the design for army marksmanship medals, I have to invite your attention to a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia enclosed herewith from which it will be observed that the third class prize army marksmanship medal is that of a kneeling rifleman. Is it desirable to have two (2) medals of the same design? I will thank you to advise me of your decision as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs Pope, Cole & Co.July 10th 1882

57 Gay St.

Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen,

I will thank you to inform this ^{Office} the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver ten (10) tons of best ingot copper to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans free of all charges.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

At London Snorden Esq.July 10th 1882.

Capt U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir,

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver, in lots of 10,000 ounces and less, at your Mint will be 113 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per ounce fine

Very respectfully R. E. Preston Acting Director

A London Snowden.

July 10th 1882.

Capt U.S. Mint. Phil. Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882 the account of the Evening Bulletin (\$61.50) and of the Evening News (\$66.) for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A London Snowden. Esq.

July 10th 1882.

Capt U.S. Mint. Phil. Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith schedule of proposals received for supplies required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883. with the request that you will indicate thereon the bids accepted by you and return the same to this office.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

July 10th 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena Mon. be increased One Hundred thousand dollars \$100,000 by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay office with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Charles J. Folger.July 10th 1882.Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Denver, Colorado to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and eighty five $\frac{36}{100}$ dollars $\$14,585.36$ in gold coin and five hundred and five $\frac{72}{100}$ dollars $\$205.72$ in Silver coin, making a total of fourteen thousand seven hundred ninety one $\frac{08}{100}$ dollars $\$14,791.08$, being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Denver for Coinage as shown by Memorandum No 999 dated July 5th 1882 of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mr L. Bruce Esq.July 10th 1882.

No 320 California Street.

San Francisco

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I would state, that the bill giving claimants of infringements of patents against the government the privilege of enforcing their claims in the court of claims has not yet been passed by Congress.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Ellet C JewettJuly 10th 1882

Assayer in charge St Louis Mo.

Sir.

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination

and settlement your ordinary expense account for the month ending June 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Eliot C. Jewett Esq.

July 10th 1882

Assayer in Charge, St Louis Mo.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary Expense and Fixtures and Apparatus accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending June 30 1882

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Eliot C. Jewett

July 10th 1882.

Assay in Charge, St Louis Mo.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending June 30 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt Mint.

July 10th 1882.

San Francisco.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Eduard P. BuntinJuly 10th 1882.

Capt Mint San Francisco Cal.
 Sir.

The following awards made by you for supplies for the twelve months ending June 30 1883, and submitted for the approval of this office, in your letter of the 15th ultimo, are hereby approved viz.

Schofield & Liss

500 Gallons Pure Lard Oil at 98^{cts} per gallon
 100 " " Sperm " " \$1.15 " "
 75 " Triled Linseed " " 64¢ " "
 10 " Benzene " 20¢ " "
 100 lbs Litharge " 73³/₄¢ " pound
 ✓ 2500 " Cotton Waste " 11⁷/₁₀¢ " "
 5 bbls Portland Cement at \$5.00 " bbl.

Whittier Fuller & Co.

20 Gallons No 1 Castor Oil at \$1.00 per gallon
 200 " 1500 Coal " " 24¢ " "
 125 " Turpentine " 65¢ " "
 150 " Alcohol " 22⁵/₁₀¢ " "
 2500 lbs Pure white lead in oil " 7¹/₄¢ " lb

Gates & Co.

150 Gallons Coal Oil, 110° at 19¢ per gallon.
 150 " Black Asphaltum varnish 75¢ " "

R. W. Simpson

No 1 Nail brushes per dozen \$8.00
 Painters dusters " " 7.50
 No 2 Nail brushes " " 4.50
 " 8 B. dust brushes " " 5.00
 " 2 Gal Drop Pails " " 3.50
 " 2 Wisk Brooms " " 2.25
 Wooden Brewis Scoops " " 14.00

Lake & Warren

20 Dozen Brooms, #2 extra fine at \$3.58 per dozen.
 18 " Cotton mops #12 " 3.45 " "
 15 " Scrub Brushes #2 " 2.23 " "

1 Dozen Floor Brushes #29 at \$24.75 per dozen
 Leather Dusts #16 " 13.75 " "
 Oak Stable Buckets #17 " 11.50 " "
 Dust-pans #3 " 1.90 " "
 600 lbs B. C. Irons #48 " 25.00 " "
 1 Doz 4 inch O.K. Brushes #3 " 13.50 " "

E. A. Scott

1500 Tons Anthracite Egg Coal at \$10.64 2000 lbs
 25 " English Camel " " 9. " "
 5 " Cumberland " " 12. " "

Thomas Morton

600 Cords Hard Wood at \$8.80 per cord
 100 " 4x4 Red Wood " 7.75 " "
 125 " Split " " 8.00 " "
 125 Sacks Kindling " 20¢ " sack
 1,000,000 lbs S. I. Coke " 60¢ " 150 lbs
 400,000 " Charcoal " 16.95 " 2000 "

Steiger & Ker

All iron castings, including chilled rolls, at
 4 1/2 ¢ per lb.

Your rejection of the bids, as mentioned in your letter is approved, also the recommendation that you be authorized to execute an agreement with John Barton to furnish Rock Salt at \$5.00 per ton and with the Mutual Ice Company to furnish Ice at \$9.00 per ton.

I have this day approved and forwarded the contracts for execution, as requested.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

James Crawford Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint. Carlton.
 Sir.

July 11, 1882

I have to acknowledge the receipt of statement of Silver purchased at your Mint during the month of June 1882.

I respectfully invite your attention to overpayments on the following purchases:

June 28th G. S. Mills

909.72 oz at 113 $\frac{3}{4}$ Carried out \$1034.83 Should be \$1034.81

June 29th W. N. Conner

578.37 oz at 113 $\frac{3}{4}$ Carried out \$66.64 Should be \$66.39

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. +

Charles M. Gorham Esq.
U. S. Mint San Francisco Cal.
 Sir.

July 11th 1882.

I return herewith your bond as Comr of the Mint at San Francisco, enclosed in your letter of the 3rd instant. This bond is imperfect as to the name of one of the sureties, in the body of the bond the name being given as "Selden Perry Collins" while he signs it as "Salmon Perry Collins". It is presumed that this error has been corrected in the bond forwarded by you on the 8th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

News Printing Co.
Leadville Col.
 Gentlemen.

July 11th 1882.

I enclose Treasury draft No 17413 for \$3.00 in payment of your bill for subscription for one year for the Ten Mile News.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Eliot C Jewett

July 11th 1882.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint.

St. Louis Mo.

Sir:

I respectfully invite your attention to Certificate of Gold Deposit No 39 dated June 9th 1882 for \$147.20 in favor of N. M. Smit but endorsed and receipted for by N. M. Smit, per E. M. Perles. Please forward at your earliest convenience the Power of Attorney or Authority for E. M. Perles to sign for N. M. Smit

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint.

July 11 1882

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. D. No 926 for \$323.71 being on account of Sales of old material enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint

July 11th 1882

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir

C. D. No 925 for \$24.00 being on account of making assays enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount

to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A London Invoice.

July 11, 1882.

Capt W. S. Mint Phil. Pa.
Sir.

I have to acknowledge receipt of Statement of Silver purchased at your Mint from the 26th of June to July 1st 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A London Invoice.

July 11, 1882.

Capt Mint U. S. Phil. Pa.
Sir.

I will thank you to forward to this office a duplicate Statement of Silver purchased from May 8th to May 13th, the original having been mislaid.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A London Invoice.

July 11 1882.

Capt W. S. Mint Phil. Pa.
Sir.

I transmit Herminie medal fund vouchers properly signed as requested in your letter of the 10th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. C.

M. V. Davis Esq.

July 11 1882

Supt U. S. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following awards made by you for supplies for the twelve months ending June 30, 1883 and submitted for the approval of this office, in your letter of the 15th ultimo, are hereby approved, viz:

A. Kemner.Ice — 275 lbs per day at \$16.00 per tonS. J. Mester.Wood (ash) 460 cords at \$5.60 " CordD. C. Mc Can & SonCucubles — Easton 100 (in number) at \$16. per CucibleB. S. Wood & Brr.Pittsburg Coal 500 tons at \$3.70 per ton 2000 lbs.Alvin OrnelCloth Mitts — 24 dozen at \$6.50 per dozL. M. GeyCharcoal 12,000 bbls " 30c " bblWoodward & WrightLard Oil (W. S.) 12 bbls " 90c " galCylinder " 4 " " \$11.5 " "Linked " 2 " " 70c " "Tallow refined 10 " " 10 " "Muslin 50 pieces " 6 " ydA. M. MoffettLumber (ash) — 300 feet \$5.00 per m." Pine Flooring — 10,000 " 35 " "" Scantling — 1,000 " 18 " "" Poplar — 1,500 " \$5 " "" Cypress — 5,000 " 5.00 " "" Oak — 500 " 60 " "J. L. LyonsBoxing Soap — 150 boxes at 9c " lbAlcohol 2 barrels \$2.28 " gal

Nitric Acid No B.	5.0 Carboys	14 ^c per lb
Sulphuric "	12 "	33 ^c " "
Borax	15.00 lbs	17 ^c " "
Nitrate Potash	12.00 "	9 ^c " "
White Lead	12.00 "	7 ^c " "
Turpentine	1 bbl	5.0 ^c " gal
Window glass	12 boxes assorted	\$2.85 to 3.00

A Baldwin & Co.

Sheet Iron	No 21	at	\$4.00 per c
" "	$\frac{1}{8}$	"	4.10 " "
C. N. Boiler Iron	$\frac{3}{16}$	"	5.10 " "
Hoop	$3 \times \frac{1}{8}$	"	3.55 " "
Bar	$1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$	"	3.20 " "
"	$1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8}$	}	3.00 " "
"	$1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$		
"	$2 \times \frac{1}{2}$		
"	$4 \times \frac{3}{4}$		
"	$2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8}$	}	3.40 " "
"	$2 \times \frac{1}{4}$		
"	$1 \times \frac{3}{8}$	"	3.20 " "
"	$\frac{3}{16}$ 0	"	6.00 " "
"	$\frac{1}{4}$ 0	"	4.00 " "
"	$\frac{3}{8}$ 0	"	3.60 " "
"	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	"	3.40 " "
"	$\frac{5}{8}$ 0	"	3.20 " "
"	$\frac{3}{4}$ 0	"	3.10 " "
"	1. 0	"	3.00 " "
"	$1\frac{1}{4}$ 0	"	3.00 " "
Cast Steel	$\frac{1}{4}$ D	"	20 ^c per lb
"	$1\frac{3}{4}$ "	"	14 ^c " "
"	$2\frac{1}{4}$ "	"	14 ^c " "
" Octagon	$\frac{3}{8}$ in $1\frac{1}{4}$	"	14 ^c " "
" Flat		"	14 ^c " "
Cut Nails	6	"	\$4.85 " keg
"	8	"	3.80 " "
"	10 to 60 d	"	3.55 " "

Finishing Nails	<u>1/2</u> lb	at	<u>12</u> Cpu paper
" "	<u>5/8</u> "	"	<u>9</u> C " "
" "	<u>3/4</u> "	"	<u>8</u> C " "
" "	<u>7/8</u> "	"	<u>8</u> C " "
" "	<u>1</u> "	"	<u>7</u> C " "
" "	<u>1 1/4</u> to <u>2 1/2</u> d	"	<u>7</u> C " "

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. U.S. Mint.

July 12 1882.

Carson City Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to one hundred thirteen
and nine tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.

July 12, 1882.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office.

Charlotte N. C.

Sir,

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of
your office be increased \$10,000 and that \$5,000 of the same
be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer, U.S.,
at New York and \$5,000 transmitted to you in currency
or gold coin of the denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$20.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Am Charles J. Folger.

July 12 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund
of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. be increased
ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and that five thousand

dollars (\$5,000) of the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office, with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York, and that five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be transmitted to the Assayer in currency or gold coin of the denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$20.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Jarvis Esq.

July 12 1882

Supt U.S. Mint. New Orleans, La.
Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 11th instant approving awards of contracts for supplies required by your Mint during the fiscal year 1883. I would call your attention to award to Woodward & Wright, in which the last article muslin should be 50 pieces at 6¢ per yard.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt Mint U.S.

July 12 1882.

New Orleans La.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirty and three tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Messrs Pope, Cole, & Co.

July 12 1882.

57 South Gay Street.

Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen

Your offer to deliver ten (10) tons best commercial copper to the U.S. Mint at New Orleans at 18 3/4¢ per lb free of all charges is accepted. I will thank you to ship the copper as early as practicable, transmitting your account in duplicate, accompanied by bill of lading to this office.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

A London Snowden Esq.

July 12 1882

Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your statement
 of minor coinage operations for the fiscal year ending
 June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt Mint U.S.

July 12 1882.

San Francisco Cal.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen
 and three tenth cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

July 13 1882.

Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred thirteen
 and seven tenth cents per ounce.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Nandy & Cronin.

July 13 1882

24 Nassau Street New York.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt U. S. Mint

July 13 1882.

San Francisco

Draft for twenty ^{two} thousand five hundred dollars mailed
 Assistant Treasurer on Sixth instant.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Daniel Meyer.

July 13 1882

San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Similar telegram to

Academy Bank San Francisco.

Confirmed.

Telegram

Supt Mint

July 13 1882.

New Orleans.

✓ Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Co forty five thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and seven tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt Mint

July 13 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Receive from Daniel Meyer one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and seven tenths cents per ounce.
 From Academy Bank twenty four thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and one half cents per ounce.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

A London Snorden

July 13 1882.

Supt U. S. Mint Phil.

Sir.

✓ Purchases of Silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates, and for the amounts respectively named. which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars, or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer.

at New York payable in silver dollars to wit of.
 Nandy & Comie. 25,000 ounces at \$1.1370.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
 Secretary of the Treasury.
 Sir.

July 13, 1882.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made
 from the bullion fund of the U. S Assay office at Charlotte
 N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum
 of three thousand five hundred thirty seven ³⁰/₁₀₀ dollars
 \$3,567.30 in gold coin, and twenty four ⁸⁹/₁₀₀ dollars \$24.89
 in silver coin, making a total of three thousand, five
 hundred thirty two ¹⁹/₁₀₀ dollars \$3,592.19 being the net
 value of bullion hitherto forwarded by the Assayer in charge
 of the United States Assay office at Charlotte for coinage as
 shown by memorandum No 1042 dated July 10th, 1882. of gold
 bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. L. Burton Esq.
 Sup U. S Mint.
 San Francisco.

July 13 1882.

Sir.

Referring to letter of this office, dated the 8th instant
 your attention is called to an error in the charges
 made in the Coins department of your Mint which
 should read.

P. N. Mulcahy, appointed workman at ^{\$}4. per diem, vice
 Weston promoted, in place of removed as stated.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A London Snowden & Co.

July 13. 1882.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir,

I will thank you to forward to this office one copy in silver, and one in bronze, of the medal struck in commemoration of the adoption of the great seal, transmitting your account for the same.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A London Snowden & Co.

July 13 1882

Capt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir,

For the reasons stated in your letter of the 10th instant, I have decided to request the Secretary of the Treasury to make you an advance of \$5,000 ^{& additional to the amount heretofore requested.} from the appropriation for coinage of Standard Silver dollars.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs Merchant & Co.

July 13 1882.

#525 Arch Street

Philadelphia Pa

Gentlemen.

I will thank you to inform me the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver free on board of cars, to the Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago twenty (20) tons of Buttha pine, for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco. It is very desirable that ten (10) tons of this pine should be shipped as early as practicable. I will thank you, in case your offer should be accepted to inform me when you could ship ten (10) tons.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Calvin J. Conley Esq.

Assayer in Charge.

Charlotte N.C.

July 13 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month of April and May, 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent U.S. Mint
New Orleans.

July 14, 1882.

If supplied with bullion, can you coin one hundred and fifty thousand or two hundred thousand silver dollars in addition to amount heretofore allotted your Mint. If necessary to enable you to do so, will approve appointments of temporary adjustment now pending. Answer.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.

Capt U.S. Mint.

New Orleans.

July 14 1882.

Sir:

Complaint has been made at this office that some of the persons lately appointed to positions in your Mint are not on duty in the Mint, but are employed elsewhere.

I will thank you to report the facts to this office without delay.

You will also furnish this office a list of all persons to whom the 21 days leave of absence as required by the instructions have been granted since the 1st day of July.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Wm B. Dana & Co.

July 14 1882.

P.O. Box 958.

New York City.

Gentlemen.

I have received your letter of the 13th inst requesting that you be furnished monthly statements of the coinage of the Mints of the United States.

I shall take pleasure in causing the same to be prepared and transmitted to you at the close of each month or as soon thereafter as reports are received from the various Mints.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Calvin J. Condes Esq.July 14th 1882.

Assayer in Charge.

Charlotte N.C.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending June 30, 1882

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A London Snowden, Esq.

July 15 1882.

Supt U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The following awards made by you for supplies for the inclose months ending June 30 1883 and submitted for the approval of this office in your letter of the 30th ultimo are hereby approved viz

Patrick & Lipsitt

Steam Coal

at \$4.89 per ton

William Jordan.

Council Ridge Melting Coal _____ at \$1.90 per ton

Nathan Bros & Co.

Nitric Acid 40° B. _____ " 06 7/10 per lb

Savage & Stowell

Oil of Vitriol 66° B _____ " \$.013 " "

Muriatic Acid 21° B _____ " .012 " "

Fused Borax _____ " .33 " "

Granville B. Namie & Co.

Duck for bags _____ " .12 1/2 per yd

Mustin. _____ " 09 1/2 " "

Licking _____ " 16 1/2 " "

Thread Raleighs _____ " 1.35 " lb

Crack _____ " 12 1/2 " yd

Thomas Williams Jr & Co.White Pine Boards assorted, \$20. \$30. \$50. & \$60 _____ per ~~100~~

Yellow " " \$35. to \$55 _____ " "

" " Scantling " \$25 to \$45 _____ " "

Walnut Boards " \$70 to \$180 _____ " "

Ash Plank " \$40, \$50 & \$60 _____ " "

Planed Shelving for boxes \$23 to \$35 _____ " "

Bass Wood \$25 & \$40 _____ " "

Oils & Lubricators Narold R. Lewis & Co.

Lard Suet Kettle rendered _____ at 14¢ per lb

" rendered _____ " 12¢ " "

" Oil, No 2 _____ " 60¢ " gal

" " " " _____ " 65¢ " "

" " Prime _____ " 90¢ " "

" " " Winter white _____ \$1.10 " "

Crescent cylinder oil _____ " 80¢ " "

Tallow _____ " 9¢ " "

" " double refined _____ " 11¢ " "

Chemicals

Refined Borax _____ " 16¢ " "

Oxide " " _____ " 24¢ " "

Soaps.

Castile Soap	_____	at 13¢ per lb.
Gallets	_____	" 9 " "
Johnson's Electric Soap	_____	" 10 1/2 " "
Detunior	_____	" 7 " "
Sand Soap	_____	" 6 1/2 " "

G. W. Peretti

Borax Soap	_____	" 10 " "
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Bagner & O'Brien

Fire Bricks, No 1	_____	" 40 " M
" Clay	_____	" 25.0 " BL

Thomas Limkins

Charcoal, fine & oak, best quality	_____	" 15 3/4 " "
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C. Oakford Kelly & Son (Agents for Blind Asylum.)

Nand scrub grass	_____	at \$2.50 per doz
" " mixed	_____	" 2.25 " "
Quilt Brushes, brist	_____	" 4.00 " "
" " # 5	_____	" 6.50 " "
" " # 6	_____	" 8.00 " "
" " stiff # 3	_____	" 9.00 " "
Creeping " # 12 X	_____	" 11.00 " "
" " # 12 X X	_____	" 15.00 " "
" " # 14	_____	" 16.00 " "
White Wash " # 10 X	_____	" 12.00 " "
Panicles Varies # 3	_____	" 6.00 " "
Broom Pailor	_____	" 5.00 " "
" 2.0	_____	" 6.00 " "

James M. Vance & Co.

Hardware.

Cut Nails in kegs, fine 3 1/2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 to 60 d spikes	_____	at \$1.75, \$3.00, \$4.25, \$4.00, \$3.75, \$3.50 & \$3.75 per Keg
Screws, flat hd Am. Screw Co.	_____	Std list less 30%
Tacks, Lincolns prion, Taunton Tack Co	_____	" " "
Rasps, best quality American	_____	" " 40 "
Locks for doors, Denton Lock Co	_____	" " 45 "
" " closets & drawers, Taylor Lock Co.	_____	" " 33 1/3 "

Spings. Taunton Tack Co.	Std list less 25%
Hooks. Wat & Coat per doz net	12¢ per doz
Butts Lock joint cast	" " " 50% & 10%
" fast " "	" " " 40 " " 10 "
Ninges Strap & S. wrought	" " " 40 " " 10 "
Squam head bolts	" " " 50 "
Nashus assorted	10¢ per lb net
Cast steel wire	Std list less 15%
Copper wire rope	40 "
Rings assorted	net 15¢ per doz

D. P. Dutch

Belting

Leather Belting double assorted, extra quality	} less 10%	
as per list		
Leather Belting assorted, quality ordinary	" 50% & 5%	
" " single " extra quality at	list price less 10%	
" " " " ordinary	" 40% & 8%	
Rubber " " fine Para rubber	} extra quality list price 5%	
" " " Standard rubber		" 20 "
" " " 2 nd quality		" 50 " & 5 "

Loce Leather, extra slaughtered at " "

Round " belting, list price less 40 & 50%

Referring to the bids for acids, and the question submitted by you as to whether the supplemental bid of Narrison Brr, for aqua fortis which was received during the opening of the bids, I am clearly of the opinion that the corrected bid of Narrison Brr should be accepted, as it is evident from the fact that they offered to furnish the refined product of aqua fortis at 6 1/2¢ per pound, that they made an error in offering aqua fortis at 7¢ per pound. I learn upon inquiry at the Department that in cases where an error has evidently been made by bidders in submitting their proposals that they have been permitted to correct the same, provided it was

done prior to the opening of their original bid, which, from your letter I infer was done in the case of Harrison & Barr. I would therefore recommend that you award them the contract for supplying aqua fortis.

Your rejection of the bid of Charles W. Brown for Crucibles &c. for the reasons given in your letter is hereby approved. I return herewith the proposals and bonds enclosed in your letter.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

July 15th 1882

Can you spare from one hundred thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of fine silver for shipment to New Orleans, and if so, when could same be ready for shipment, answer.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

July 15th 1882.

Forward invoice of silver, and be prepared to ship same on Tuesday next.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

July 16 1882

Is your silver suitable to be made into ingots without parting, refining or toughening.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt Mint July 15 1882.
San Francisco

✓ Bond of Charles M. Gorham as Comr approved. Deliver commission and resume coming operations as early as practicable

R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

Telegram Supt Mint July 15 1882.
Philadelphia.

✓ If possible forward to day minter for about one hundred thousand ounces of silver bullion for transfer to Mint at New Orleans

R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

E. J. Burton Esq. July 15, 1882.
Supt U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz;

✓ 1 Comrs requisition book.
6 Chip books As 163.

Very respectfully.
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

A. Luden Snowden Esq. July 15 1882
Supt U. S. Mint. Phil. Pa.

Sir

I will thank you to inform this office whether you will be able to com the amount of silver dollars (\$1,000,000) heretofore allotted you; if not, what amount you will possibly be able to com.
very respectfully.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director

Col Charles N. Tompkins.

July 15 1882.

Quartermaster U. S. Army.

Chicago Ill.

Sir,

I have requested Messrs Merchant & Co of Philadelphia, to deliver to you twenty (20) tons of Beutha Zinc for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, which I will thank you to receive and forward as provided by general Order No 66 dated July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Wandy & Croner.

July 15 1882.

24. Nassau Street.

New York.

Gentlemen.

In reply to your request of the 14th instant. for supply of blank invoices for shipment of silver, I transmit herewith 100 copies of the invoices.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James McArthur Esq.

July 15 1882.

22 Fourth Ave. Cincinnati O.

Sir,

In reply to your request for copy of report of Prof Clarence Rind on production of precious metals. I have to state that the same has been referred to the Superintendent of Census.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Wm Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 15, 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of fourteen thousand, three hundred, thirty six ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars (\$14,336.53) in gold coin, and one hundred, forty six ⁶⁵/₁₀₀ dollars (\$146.65) in silver coin, making a total of fourteen thousand, four hundred eighty three ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars (\$14,483.18) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage, as shown by Memorandum No 11812 dated July 5, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Messrs Merchant & Co.,
#525 Arch Street.

July 15, 1882.

Philadelphia Pa.

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of the 14th instant offering to deliver to the U. S. Quartermaster at Chicago, 20 tons of Butta Zinc at $8\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound, for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. Your offer is accepted and I have to request that you will deliver the zinc to Col Chas. N. Lupton's Quartermaster at Chicago as early as practicable, transmitting your account in duplicate to this office for settlement.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 17, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia, to that of the Mint at New Orleans, of the sum of one hundred fourteen thousand, seven hundred forty seven and $\frac{64}{100}$ dollars $(\$114,747.64)$ payable in $\frac{100.303.88}{100}$ ounces of fine silver.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 17 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of twelve thousand four $\frac{23}{100}$ dollars $(\$12,004.23)$ in gold coin, and one hundred eleven $\frac{06}{100}$ dollars $(\$111.06)$ in silver coin, making a total of twelve thousand, one hundred fifteen $\frac{29}{100}$ dollars $(\$12,115.29)$ being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memoranda No 227 & 228 dated July 7th 1882 of gold bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

July 17, 1882.

Can you coin one hundred thousand silver dollars in addition to amount heretofore allotted you for this month.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

July 17 1882.

Treasury Department

Sir;

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery and Std Sil Dollar Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending May 31st 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Chief, C. Jewett Esq.

July 17 1882.

Assayer in Charge.

U. S. Assay Office St. Louis.

Sir.

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and fixtures and Apparatus Expense accounts for the month ending May 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

First Auditor

July 17 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office, at Boise City, for the month ending May 31st 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

James Crawford Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 Carson City Nev.

July 17. 1882.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Refinery Expense account for the month ending May 31st 1882. with my approval

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor
 Treasury Department.

July 17 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Refinery Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the month ending May 31st 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 Philadelphia Pa.

July 17 1882.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery and Stot Sil Sol expense accounts for the month ending May 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Treasury Auditor.

July 17 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the ordinary & fixtures & apparatus expense accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St Louis. Mo. for the month ending May 31st 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Mollins Esq.

July 17 1882.

Assayer in Charge.

U. S. Assay Office.

Boise City Idaho.

✓ Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary expense account for the month ending May 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mr N. L. Buari.

July 17 1882.

Foreman Renting Room.

Office of Public Printer.

Sir.

Please send two extra copies of the proof pages of the Report of the Director of the Mint upon the production of Gold and Silver. One for his use, and the other for the purpose of preparing an index.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Capt. Mint

July 18 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Assistant Treasurer New York notified on fifteenth instant of approval of your bond.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director

Edward J. Preston, Esq.

July 18 1882.

Capt. U.S. Mint.

San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 11th instant, asking instructions in regard to the method pursued at your Mint, in computing and declaring the Seigniorage on the coinage of Silver dollars, and to reply as follows.

✓ Section 2, page 10, of the Instructions distinctly states the method and time at which the profit on the coinage of silver shall be credited. It reads, "It is directed therefore that on all silver coined, a profit shall be credited at the end of each month, equal to the difference between its cost and coinage value". The method heretofore pursued at your Mint of computing the seigniorage upon each delivery of coins by the Coiner to the Superintendent while accurate enough in itself does not afford any means to this office or to the accounting officers of the Department for verifying the statement of the cost of the silver coined during the quarter, entered in your bullion accounts. I think therefore it would be well for your Mint to follow the practice of the other coinage mints as laid down in the regulations above quoted, and declare the seigniorage monthly. This will be arrived at by adding to the silver on hand at the beginning of each month, the cost of the amount purchased during the month, and dividing the total cost by the total number of ounces, which will give.

the rate per ounce of the cost of the silver coined. Statement No 193 will then show of itself the rate at which the cost of the coinage is calculated, and the statements for the three months composing any bullion account will enable us to verify the entry of Seigniorage in your bullion accounts.

I would suggest that this method be pursued from and after the 1st instant.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Edward T. Preston. Esq.

July 18 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant in regard to the continuance of the restaurant now kept in the Mint for the convenience of the employees, and stating that in order to continue the same in a useful manner it will be necessary to replenish the crockery, crockery utensils and ^{range} asking authority to expend \$225 for that purpose, in reply, I have to state, that I have decided to authorize the purchase of a range, and appointments and the oilcloth required, at a cost not exceeding \$140 and will be disposed to afford every facility for the purpose of enabling the employees of your mint, opportunity for lunching. I do not deem it proper to purchase the other articles enumerated in your letter, but think that they should be furnished by the Janitor, who acts as caterer, at his own expense, as was originally done when the lunch room was first opened in the mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Edward T. Burton.

July 18. 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 23rd ultimo in regard to the bids for furnishing acids for your mint, for one year, from July 1. 1882. I have to say, that as the bid of Judson & Shepard, is the lowest, it should be accepted and a contract made with them.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

July 18. 1882.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office.

Helena. Mont.

Sir;

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased three thousand dollars (\$3,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be transmitted you in half dollars.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Edward T. Burton.

July 18 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir;

In compliance with request contained in your telegram of the 7th instant, I have purchased of Messrs. Muchant & Co. of Philadelphia twenty (20) tons of Refined Zinc at 8 1/2 cts per pound. I am informed that the zinc will be shipped without delay. Funds will be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, to enable you to pay for the same when received.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 18, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mon. be increased three thousand dollars (\$3,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be transmitted the Assayer in charge in half dollars.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Messrs Nicholson & Co.

July 18, 1882.

Publishers Picayune.

New Orleans La.

Gentlemen.

I enclose herewith Treasury draft No 17,526 for \$13,50 same having been received, in payment of your account for advertising proposals for supplies by the U. S. Mint at New Orleans June 1881.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

M. V. Davis Esq.

July 18, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans La.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to that of your Mint of the sum of \$114,747.⁶⁴ payable in 100,303.88 ounces fine silver.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

A. Loudon Snodden Esq
 Asst. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia Pa.

July 18. 1882.

Sir;

I have requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of your mint, to that of the Mint at New Orleans, of \$114,747.64 payable in 100,303.88 ounces fine silver.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. Silver Esq.

July 18 1882.

Assayer U. S. Mint
 Denver Col.

Sir;

I enclose herewith account of Daniel Gilbert & Son, for one pair of polished steel tongs and one lever press for making cups amounting to \$100. You will please permit Messrs Gilbert & Son upon receipt of the article, a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Edward L. Burton Esq.

July 18 1882.

Asst. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco Cal.

Sir;

On the 17th ultimo, Messrs Pope Cole & Co delivered to the U. S. Quartermaster at Chicago 20,000 lbs of Copper for shipment to your mint. I will thank you to inform me when the same is received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. M. Lawver Esq.

July 18 1882.

Care U. S. Mint.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir;

Enclosed herewith I transmit Treasury draft #17,522 for \$13.75 same being issued in payment of your account for expenses incurred in collecting mining statistics. ✓

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

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C. J. Hubbard Esq.

July 18 1882.

Birds Eye.

Dubois Co Ind.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. I would state that this office is not aware, that the half dollar referred to is worth more than fifty cents. ✓

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

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Warduff De Bear

July 18 1882.

170 Broadway.

New York.

Sir;

In reply to your postal of the 11th instant I would state that this office has no information relative to premium on coins.

I enclose department circular No. 15 explaining value of mutilated coins.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

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M. V. Jarvis Esq.

July 18 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans La.

Sir:

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Register of ✓
Gold and Silver bullion deposited and purchased at your
Mint during the quarter ended June 30 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

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James Crawford Esq.

July 18. 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

✓ Referring to your letter of the 11th instant submitting ap-
pointment of Miss Annie C. Fryer, as an adjuter in your
Mint, I will thank you to furnish this office with
the date of death of Mrs. Nightingill, from whom this ap-
pointment is made.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

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W. Powell Esq.

July 18 1882.

Ocal,
Labette Co. Kansas

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst I would state
that there is no record of the employment of J. N.
Powell and M. N. Powell in the Mint service.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

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N. Silver Csg.

July 18, 1882.

Assayer in Charge.

U.S. Assay Office: Helena Mont.

Sir:

Referring to your final Statistical Expense account for the fiscal year 1882 I desire to call your attention to the fact that the bill of W. J. Anthony - voucher #2 should be substantiated by affidavit, and a copy of the letter of instruction, under which the duty was performed, should also accompany it. I enclose the voucher and will thank you to have it sworn to as required by law, and returned at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

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Trust Auditor.

July 18, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont. for the month ending May 31, 1882 pending to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

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Russell B. Harrison Csg.

July 18, 1882.

Assayer in Charge.

U. S. Assay Office Helena Mont.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary expense account for the month ending May 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston Acting Director.

C. J. Conley Esq.

July 18 1882

Assayer in Charge. U. S. Assay Office.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir;

I return herewith your requisition for Stationery for the first six months of the current fiscal year, and your attention is invited to the regulations of the Department which require that an "Inventory of Stationery on hand" accompany July requisitions.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

L. C. Hughes Esq.

July 18. 1882.

Tucson Arizona.

Sir;

I enclose herewith Treasury draft No 17529 for \$3 the same having been issued in payment for subscription for the "Arizona Star".

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Lee Mantle Esq.

July 18. 1882.

Butte Montana.

Sir;

I enclose herewith Treasury draft No 17525 for \$3. the same having been issued in payment for subscription for the "Inland Mountain".

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Cassidy & Skillman.

July 18, 1882.

Eureka Nevada.

Gentlemen.

I enclose herewith Treasury draft No 17,328 for \$5. the same having been issued in payment for subscription for the Eureka Daily & Weekly Sentinel.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

J. T. Reymont Esq.

July 18 1882.

Pinal, Arizona.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury draft No 17527 for \$5. the same having been issued in payment for subscription for the Pinal Drill

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Sam Charles J. Folger

July 18, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay office at Helena Montana to that of the Assay office at New York, of the sum of Thirty seven thousand and ninety five, 31 dollars, ^(37,095.31) in gold coin, and Six hundred and sixty three ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars ^(663.69) in silver coin, making a total of Thirty seven thousand Six hundred fifty nine ^(37,659.00) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay office at Helena for coinage as shown by Memoranda Nos 2250, & 2267, dated July 6 & 7, 1882 of gold bullion deposited at said Assay office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

P. C. Van Wyck Esq.

July 19 1882.

Capt. U. S. Army Office
New York.

Sir,

As requested in your letter of the 18th I transmit herewith 12 copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for 1881.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director

Hon Charles J. Folger.

July 19 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that orders for railroad transportation from Council Bluffs to San Francisco and return be furnished. Hon Noratis C. Burchard, Director of the Mint payment therefor to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses. Office Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Samuel W. Durey Esq.

July 19 1882.

146 South Fourth St.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 15th instant requesting to be furnished with a copy of a report made some years ago by Col James Ross Snowden upon the gold mines of North Carolina and regret to inform you that the report referred to was never printed. I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director

A. Landon Snowden. Esq.

July 19. 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith the proposal of Thomas Williams Jr & Co. for lumber, forwarded in your letter of the 17th instant, the necessary corrections having been made in letter from this office of the 15th instant.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Landon Snowden. Esq.

July 19 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

I hope to be able to arrange so as to reduce the Standard Silver dollar coinage of your Mint during the current month, from 1,050,000, the amount heretofore allotted you, to, say 700,000. I will know definitely tomorrow. The amount you will be required to coin, and will advise you.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Edward J. Burton. Esq.

July 19 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the official bond of Charles M. Gorham, as Comr of your Mint, executed in the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), and bearing date of the 18th instant, has been approved and filed in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

P. J. Stevens Esq

July 19, 1882.

Clerk Com. Appropriations

House of Representatives.

Sir;

I enclose herewith your account for expenses, incurred by direction of the Director of the Mint, from August 20 to September 3, 1881, in collecting mining statistics in Oregon and Washington Territory amounting to \$75.25.

This account was approved by this office on the 30th of June and referred to the First Auditor for examination and settlement, who has returned it with the verbal statement that it will be necessary, before he can audit the same, for you to furnish an affidavit, giving the reasons why you are unable to furnish an itemized statement of these expenses.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Wm Wm Lawrence

July 19, 1882.

Mint Comptroller.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt by reference from your office of a letter from the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office, at Helena Mont, bearing date of the 17th ultimo, in relation to certain suspensions in his collection charge accounts for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters, 1881, asking for my opinion on the matters contained in his letter also an explanation of the method designed in the Regulations for settling the differences arising between the coinage mints and the Assay Offices on account of variations in the results of assays and charges on bullion transferred. I will briefly state that under the provisions of paragraph 9 Chapter 329 Vol 1 of the Supplement to the Revised Statutes, the officers in charge of the Assay Offices, are authorized to pay coin for gold deposits, and to collect such charges as would be imposed if deposited

at the Mint, to which the bullion will be finally shipped for coinage. The schedule of charges in the printed regulations is their guide in this particular. The gold deposited at the assay office is from time to time shipped to one of the mints for coinage, and the net value as determined at the mint, transferred from the bullion fund of the assay office to that of the mint. At the mint, however, the whole mass, when not too large, of any shipment, is run into one melt and an assay is made and charges are imposed on the resulting bar, the same as if deposited by an outside party. The consequence is that while the assay and charges imposed at the assay office, may have been perfectly correct on each individual deposit and while the assay & charges imposed at the mint upon the resulting mass from the same deposits, may be strictly accurate, there may and probably will be a difference both in the number of standard ounces contained and the charges imposed at the two institutions.

We have therefore instructed the officers in charge of our assay office to settle these differences at the close of each fiscal year, in their profit and loss accounts.

The differences have generally been small, and no loss to the government has resulted. It is immaterial whether the officer in charge takes credit for the charges which he has collected on the bullion shipped the mint, or, for the charges which the mint allows as any profit or gain arising from this transaction is settled in his profit and loss account at the close of the fiscal year. This office has therefore not insisted that officers in charge of the assay offices, should take credit for the exact amount of charges which the mint imposed. Allowing them, as was manifestly their right, to take credit for the charges which they had collected, and had actually shipped the mint if they preferred.

The accounts referred to were carefully ^{be} examined in

this office, and I found nothing to indicate that the entries in the collector's account were not proper, and such as it had been the practice to allow.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A London & Norden Esq.

July 19, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Medal Fund account for the quarter ending June 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Trust Auditor

July 19 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending June 30th 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Chas. J. Condes Esq.

July 19, 1882.

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper account.

ing officers of the Department for examination and settlement
your ordinary expense account for the month ending April
30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Trust Auditor.

July 19, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the
Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the
U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the month ending
May 31st 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjust-
ment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Trust Auditor.

July 19, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settle-
ment the Ordinary expense account of the assayer
in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C.
for the month ending April 30th 1882. rendered to me
for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. J. Cowles Esq.

July 19, 1882.

Assayer in charge

U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper ac-

counting officer of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary expense account, for the month ending May 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Wandry & Cronin.

July 20. 1882.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Anglo Californian Bank.

Daniel Meyer.

San Francisco.

San Francisco.

Telegram

Nelmsich & Hanson

San Francisco.

Telegram

Capt. Mint

July 20 1882.

San Francisco Cal.

✓ Receive from Daniel Meyer thirty five thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen and ninety five hundredths cents per ounce.
 From Nelmsich & Hanson fifty thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen and ninety nine hundredths, cents per ounce
 and from Anglo Californian Bank seventy five thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen cents per ounce.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

July 20. 1882.

Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fifteen, ninety eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

July 20. 1882.

New Orleans. La.

✓ Recd from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty
 five thousand ounces at one hundred sixteen and ninety
 eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

July 20. 1882.

Carson Nev.

Offer of C. N. Kulison accepted

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

July 20. 1882.

Carson Nev.

✓ State by min capacity of scale required by Miller & Higgins.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office

July 20. 1882.

New York.

✓ Forward requisition for funds for current month as
 follows.

Salaries	\$2,792.60
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Wages	2,083.33
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Contingent	750.00
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This is all that can be advanced for present
 month except ^{from} Parting & refining.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

July 20. 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Award Contract for acids to lowest bidder named in
 your letter 23rd ultimo.

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

July 20. 1882.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, the award of the contract for aqua fortis to Newton Bros & Co. is hereby approved.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

July 20 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of a letter addressed to this office by the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to life saving medals and I trust thank you to prepare designs for the attachments in accordance with the suggestions contained in the Secretary's letter, to be submitted to him for his approval before preparing the dies.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Philip C. Van Nyek Esq.

July 20. 1882.

Supt U. S. Assay Office.

New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refining expense account, with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer, St. Louis.
Sir:

July 20 1882.

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of July 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$294.80 payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year viz

Salaries _____ 1882 \$ 294.80

Contingent expenses _____ 1882 100.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, Carson.
Sir:

July 20 1882.

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1000 to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

July 20. 1882.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at Helena Mon. to that of the Assay Office at New York, of the sum of twenty one thousand, seven hundred ninety four ⁸²/₁₀₀ dollars, \$21,794.82 in gold coin, and two hundred seventy five ^(8275.43)/₁₀₀ in silver coin, making a total of twenty two thousand six hundred ninety nine ⁹⁵/₁₀₀ dollars \$22,069.95 being the net value

of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, for Comage as shown by Memorandum No 2382, dated July 14th 1882. of Gold bullion deposited at said Assay office.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

A. Linden Snowden Esq.

July 20 1882.

Capt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir,

Purchases of Silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rate and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Silver dollars to wit of..

Ward & Cronin 200,000 ounces at \$ 1.1396

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

R. B. Harrison Esq.

July 20, 1882.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mint.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the following amounts viz

Salaries \$ 501.30

Wages of workmen 1000.

Contingent Expenses 833.33

Being the exact amount in each case which can be drawn from the Treasury under the provision of the joint resolution of Congress for the support of the government for the month of July of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully, R. C. Preston. Acting Quictor.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

July 20, 1882.

Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte N. C.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the following amounts viz;

Salaries \$231.70

Contingent expenses & wages 166.66

being the exact amount in each case which can be drawn from the Treasury under the provision of the joint resolution of Congress for the support of the government for the month of July of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Mottus, Esq.

July 20, 1882.

Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office,
Bris. City, Idaho.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the following amount viz;

Salaries \$252.70

Contingent expenses & wages 5.00.

being the exact amount in each case which can be drawn from the Treasury under the provision of the joint resolution of Congress for the support of the government for the month of July of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford Esq.

July 20, 1882.

Supt U. S. Mmt Carson. Nev.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds for the current month

has been approved for the following amounts, viz;

Salaries \$1,983.90

Wages of workmen 5,416.66

Contingent expenses. 2,500.

Being the exact amount in each case which can be drawn from the Treasury under the provision of the joint resolution of Congress for the support of the government for the month of July, of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. Sloss Co.

July 20 1882.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint.
Denver Col.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the following amounts viz;

Salaries \$922.40

Wages of workmen 1000.

Contingent Expenses. 500.

Being the exact amount in each case which can be drawn from the Treasury under the provision of the joint resolution of Congress for the support of the government for the month of July, of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

A. London Snowden & Co.

July 21 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia P.

Sir;

The act making appropriation for the support of the government for the first twenty days of the present month having been extended by joint resolution to include the entire month of July, I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you

the following amounts to meet the expenses of your Mint during the present month, viz:

Salaries	<u>\$1,026.30</u>
Wages of workmen	<u>8,561.65</u>
Contingent expenses	<u>2,853.88</u>

Your requisition had previously been approved for the following amounts, viz:

Salaries	<u>\$1,909.60</u>
Wages of workmen	<u>16,438.35</u>
Contingent Expenses	<u>5,479.45</u>

The sum of these two requisitions will make the exact amount necessary to pay the salaries at your Mint for the month of July under the provisions of the appropriation act for the last fiscal year, and the amounts advanced for wages and contingent expenses are exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the appropriation for these purposes for the last fiscal year, and all that can be drawn out under the provision of the joint resolution named.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. J. Davis, Esq.

July 20, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans La.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the following amounts viz:

Salaries	<u>\$1,802.80</u>
Wages of workmen	<u>7,083.33</u>
Contingent expenses.	<u>2,916.66</u>

Being the exact amount in each case which can be drawn from the Treasury under the provision of the joint resolution of Congress for the support of the government for the month of July of the present fiscal year.

If the amount advanced you for wages is not

Sufficient to pay the workmen and adjusters at your Mint for the present month, you will please inform me by telegraph, and I will endeavor to have funds advanced you for that purpose from some other appropriation.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Edward S. Burton.

July 20. 1882.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

Congress having extended the provisions of the joint resolutions making appropriation for the support of the government for twenty days of the present fiscal year, so as to include the entire month of July. I have approved your requisition for funds for the current month as follows:

Salaries	\$2,097. 60
Wages of workmen	21,666. 66
Contingent expenses	3,333. 33

The first amount is the exact sum necessary to pay the salaries of your Mint for the month of July, established by the appropriation act for the past fiscal year, and the amounts advanced for wages and contingent expenses are exactly one twelfth of the appropriation for each purpose for the past fiscal year, including the \$2,500 previously advanced you from contingent expenses, and are all that can be drawn from the Treasury under the provisions of the joint resolution referred to. I have requested that the advance be made special.

If the amount advanced you for wages of workmen will not be sufficient to pay the workmen and adjusters of your Mint for the present month, you will please inform me by telegraph, and I will endeavor to forward you funds for that purpose, from some other appropriation.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Minit. July 21 1882.
 San Francisco.
 Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirtien and
 three quarter cents per ounce fine.
 ✓ R. C. Preston.
Confirmed. Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Supt. Minit. July 21, 1882.
 Carlton Nev.
 Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirtien
 and three quarter cents per ounce fine.
 ✓ R. C. Preston.
Confirmed. Acting Director.
Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Superintendent Minit.
 New Orleans. ✓

Telegram Superintendent Minit. July 21, 1882.
 San Francisco.
 ✓ If practicable, coin one hundred thousand silver dollars.
 in addition to amount heretofore allotted you for July.
 R. C. Preston.
Confirmed Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Supt. Minit. July 21. 1882.
 New Orleans.
 ✓ Coin as many silver dollars in July as practicable with-
 out working overtime.
 R. C. Preston.
Confirmed. Acting Director. ✓

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
 Assayer in Charge.
 Charlotte N.C.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been

mailed you this day viz:

300 Assayers report upon ore

500 Memoranda of gold bullion deposited 42. D.

500 Reports upon gold bullion deposited 39. D.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. J. Conley Esq.

July 21. 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay office

Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the printer for
24 Blank Assayers note books and.

2 gold bullion receipt books, and as requested in
your letter of the 18th inst, same will be mailed you
as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. J. Conley Esq.

July 21. 1882.

Assayer in Charge

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant requesting
semi-annual supply of Blanks for the use of your office.
I desire to say that the envelopes embraced, being sta-
tionery, must be covered by a separate requisition on
the form prescribed by the Department.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.

July 21. 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint New Orleans.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 18th inst.

in which you ask to be furnished with 5^m granulation cards, I desire to say that you are authorized to have them printed in your city. The dozen blank books requested in same letter must be more definitely described before they can be ordered.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. Silver Esq.

July 21, 1882.

Assayer in Charge
Denver Co.

Sir

Referring to yours requesting blanks for use in the collection of mining statistics, I have to inform you that the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department requires your requisition for the envelopes asked for to be made on the regular Stationery Blank.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Mullen Esq.

July 21, 1882.

Silver City N. M.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury draft No 17524 for \$3. issued in payment for subscription to "the New South-west" for one year.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Jas. Crawford Esq.

July 21 1882

Capt Minit. Carson

Sir.

The following coins received during the month of

June at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz

2 Grouse Eagles	\$ 40.00
1 Standard silver dollar	1.00
Total value	<u>\$ 41.00</u>

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

July 21, 1882.

Do not desire you to coin more than seven hundred thousand silver dollars this month.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

E. C. Jewett Esq.
Assayer, St Louis.
Sir.

July 21, 1882.

C. I. No 5097 for \$ 20.20 being on account of unexpended balance appropriation Salaries 1882 enclosed in your communication of the has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts and the amount to be carried into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation named above.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq.
Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

July 21, 1882.

Sir.

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you, the sum of 7000 to meet the expenses

of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

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P. C. Van Nyck Esq.

July 20, 1882.

Supt. Assay Office.

New York.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of July 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$3,635.10, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year viz.

Salaries	1883	<u>\$2,792.60</u>
Wages of workmen	1883	<u>2,092.50</u>
Contingent expenses	1883	<u>750.</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

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C. C. Jewett Esq.

July 21, 1882.

Assayer St Louis.

Sir,

C.D. No 5096 for \$270.64 being an account of unexpended balance of appropriation for wages & Contingent expenses 1882 enclosed in your communication has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation named above.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

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M. I. Jarvis, Esq.

July 21, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$172.48 from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion. This advance is for the purpose of enabling you to pay the proportion of gold wastage of the Minter and Refiner, properly payable from refinery earnings. This amount with the sum of \$50.78 which you state you have on hand, belonging to that fund, will enable you to reimburse the proper accounts for 12 ounces of gold estimated by the Minter and Refiner to be the amount wasted in refining during the year.

You will charge yourself, in your parting and refining expense account with this advance, the same as from any other appropriation and take credit by a voucher, transferring the amount to your gold coin account. In your bullion accounts, you will credit gold bullion with the loss and debit gold coin account with the amount transferred from the parting and refining appropriation to pay the same.

This entry should be made in your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1882, as the regulations require all the reimbursements for losses to be made in the accounts in which the losses appear.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

July 21, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your statement of silver purchases from July 3rd to July 8th 1882.

Very respectfully, R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

A London Snowden Esq.

July 21, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint Phil. Pa.
Sir;

Referring to my letter of the 19th instant in regard to the number of Standard Silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month,

I now have to advise you that I have decided to reduce the amount heretofore allotted you from 1,050,000 to 800,000 pieces. I have allotted the difference 250,000 to the San Francisco and New Orleans Mints.

Should we not be able to get out the minimum amount required by law, it will be necessary to make it up next month.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford Esq.

July 22, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Canton Mass.

Sir,

Referring to your letter making requisition for a Balance for the Melters and Refiners of your Mint, I have to request that you will inform me whether any weights should be forwarded with the same.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. Silver Esq.

July 22, 1882.

Assayer U. S. Mint Denver Col.

Sir:

I transmit herewith authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise 8 times, in the daily edition of the Denver Republican for proposals for coal & charcoal.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

J. B. Hunter, Esq.

July 22, 1882.

#523 South Rampart St.
New Orleans La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant calling attention to a letter written by you to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this office, has been received and in reply I would state that your dismissal as a workman from the U. S. Mint at New Orleans was made by the Superintendent upon the recommendation of the Comr. and approved by this office, upon the statement by the Superintendent that the change was in the interest of the Service.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden

July 22, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Phil. Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and to inform you that the contract with Harold R. Lewis & Co. for Oils, Lubricators, Chemicals and Soaps, has been approved and the necessary correction made on the records of this office.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

July 22, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I return by express to day for correction, the abstract sheets and bullion accounts of your Mint for the first quarter 1882. On page 3 of the deposits of gold bullion from the New York Assay Office transfer order No 10.623

the fortifying of the standard weight of the gold is 586,428,887.
The figures embraced on the page named, foot 586,428,890.
I find that the error is in assay number 1112, the standard
weight of which is calculated as 9,881,048 should be, 9,881,045.

On page 2 of domestic purchases of silver bullion in the
month of January, the fine weight of the silver for the month
of January is given as 17,032,92. The fortifying of page 2
amount to 17,032,30. The error is in the calculation of
the standard weight of a purchase, receipt No 77, from
N. J. Crump, the standard weight of which is calcu-
lated at 525,29 and should be 525,89.

Please make the proper correction and return
the accounts at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Benny N. Thremaker Esq.,

July 22, 1882.

Pers Lucia Granite & Silver Mining Co.

205 - North 4th St

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your
letter of the 21st instant, I enclose herewith circulars
in regard to bids for the purchase of silver bullion
which will give the information desired.

I would also add that the Superintendents of the
several Coinage Mints are authorized to purchase
lots of less than 10,000 ounces at a price fixed from
time to time by this office.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Wm. Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir;

July 22, 1882.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Three thousand one hundred and nineteen ¹⁷/₁₀₀ dollars (\$3,119.17) in gold coin and twenty five ⁰⁴/₁₀₀ dollars (\$25.04) in Silver coin, making a total of Three thousand one hundred and forty four ²¹/₁₀₀ dollars (\$3,144.21) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for Coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1084, dated July 18, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint. Phil. Pa.
Sir;

July 22, 1882.

I have received a letter from your office dated the 20th inst, addressed to the Trust Comptroller of the Treasury in relation to a suspension in your accounts and have enclosed the same to him, as it was evidently forwarded to this office through mistake.

Very respectfully.
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Henry Hoemmer, Esq.
710 Market Street. Phil. Pa.

July 22, 1882.

Sir;

I will thank you to state the lowest price at which you will furnish a Balance of the capacity of 5,000 oz for the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

N. L. Dodge Esq.

July 24, 1882.

Late Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir;

I regret that I am compelled to return for correction your bullion accounts for the calendar year 1882. The errors are so numerous and of such a character that I feel that I could not be doing right to allow them to go to the accounting officers in their present shape.

The first error to which your attention is directed is in abstract D. Silver variant of former quarters paid during first quarter 1882.

Deposit No 16, is entered at a value of \$117,917.86; the certificate calls for \$117,976.86.

✓ Silver purchase bullion is credited with \$2,822.26 received from sale of scraps and the entry is made to Silver coinage account while the amount has been carried to gold coinage account. I have changed the wording of the entry to read gold coinage instead of silver.

The principal error is in the balance account, the balance of silver purchase bullion as shown by the accounts is standard ounces 1,147,163.22 and the value 1,176,466.17. In the balance account it is taken up as ounces 1,147,163.48 value \$1,176,464.40. The balance of silver deposit bullion as shown by the accounts is 83,428.64 ounces, value \$83,428.64. In the balance account the entry is - ounces 83,430.41 value \$83,430.41.

In the "Summary Statement" the silver transactions in silver deposit bullion, are not correctly shown, and I have made the entries in pencil as they should appear on that statement. In this connection your attention is called to an error in the footings of the recapitulation of purchases of silver bullion for the first quarter of 1882, on the abstract sheets.

The standard ounces of gold contained are given as 13,068,902. The correct footing should be 13,268,902.

This I have changed in pencil and as the amount is correctly entered in the accounts, I have not thought it necessary to return the abstract sheets for correction.

Please make the necessary changes in your accounts, as indicated and return them to this office at your earliest convenience, so as to expedite the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

July 24, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans La.

Sir;

In accordance with your telegram of even date, I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to advance you the sum of \$150 from the appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars, contained in the act of February 28, 1878, to enable you to pay the workmen at your Mint during the present month.

You will render an account of money advanced you from this fund separate from your ordinary expense account.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

July 24, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing statement of gold and silver bullion, weight and value on hand at the commencement and close of the fiscal year ended June 30 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Messrs Zimmerman & Bonshay.
#19 Wall Street. New York.

July 24, 1882.

Gentlemen;

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant I would say that the government does not purchase gold bullion, but all parties having the same can deposit it at the Mints or Assay Office at New York for coinage or fine bars.

Silver, as you will observe by the enclosed circular is purchased on Thursdays of each week, upon offers of lots of over 10,000 ounces, the most favorable offer being accepted.

Superintendents of the coinage Mints are authorized to purchase lots of less than 10,000 ounces at prices fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Casson Ave.

July 24, 1882.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for 1882, the account of the "Morning Appeal" for advertising proposals for surplus amounting to \$10.75 approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Late Supt. U. S. Mint San Francisco.

July 24 1882.

Sir;

C.D. No 46 for \$175 being on account of unexpended bal of app'n for collecting mining statistics 1882

enclosed in your communication of the 11th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the above appropriation.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. L. Dodge Esq.

Acting Supt U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir,

July 24 1882.

C. D. No 47, for \$103.58 being on account of unexpended bal. of app'tn "wages of workmen" 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 11th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the above appropriation.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. L. Dodge Esq.

Acting Supt U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

July 24 1882.

C. D. No 48 for \$84.63 being on account of unexpended bal. of app'tn for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars enclosed in your communication of the 11th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the above appropriation.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.

July 24, 1882.

Lt. Supt U. S. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No 49 for \$73,906.7, being on account of unexpended bal. of appropriation for Contingent expenses 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 11th inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the above appropriation.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.

July 24, 1882.

Lt. Supt U. S. Mint

San Francisco Cal.

C. D. No 50 for \$10,475.99, being on account of unexpended bal. of app'tn for Parting & Refining bullion enclosed in your communication of the 11th inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the above appropriation.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.

July 24, 1882.

Lt. Supt U. S. Mint.

San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officer of the Department for examination

and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery, Standard Silver dollar and Statistical expense accounts for the month of June 1882, with my approval, except as to voucher #39 Petty abstract of disbursements which shows an overpayment of 10[¢] I have requested that the amount overpaid be disallowed, and you will please deposit this sum to the credit of the appropriation for contingent expenses of the San Francisco Mint for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 24 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa. be increased in the sum of One Million dollars \$1,000,000 by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.
Treasury Department.

July 24 1882.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery, Stand. Silver dollar & Statistical & accounts of the Sept. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending June 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. See Memorandum on Abstract of disbursements ordinary expense account.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Mr N. J. Bean.

July 24, 1882.

Foreman Printing Room.

Sir;

If it is possible I would very much like to have another copy of the proof sheets of the report of the Director of the Mint upon the production of precious metals, in addition to the two copies now being furnished. Three in all.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

James Crawford, Esq.

July 25, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Carson Ave.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

✓ 400 movements of Standard Silver dollars.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ↓

Am James Giffillian

July 25, 1882.

U. S. Treasurer.

Sir;

✓ I have to inform you that L. R. Cooperthwaite was appointed Chief Clerk of the Mint at Philadelphia on the 2nd ultimo.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram

Supt. Mint San Francisco.

July 25, 1882.

✓ Twenty one thousand, six hundred and sixty six dollars and sixty six cents.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✕

Confirmed

Henry C. Van Wyck Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

July 25. 1882.

Sir;

Referring to voucher #153 of your Refinery expense account for June 1882. I observe that 60 c per barrel is paid to W. M. Merrill for 15 barrels of charcoal during the months of May and June last.

✓ Messrs Gridley & Co. have contracted to furnish your office with charcoal at 40 c per barrel, and on the 3rd of June did deliver 303 barrels at the contract rate. I will therefore thank you to explain why the extra price was paid, and why the advance was not collected from the Contractors if the purchase was necessarily made in open market.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
Capt U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

July 26. 1882.

Sir;

Your letter of the 24th inst calling attention to an omission in letter from this office in award to James M. Vance & Co. is received and I have to inform you that the necessary correction has been made.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Clott C. Jewett.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office.
St. Louis Mo.

July 25. 1882.

Sir;

✓ I have received your letter of the 22nd instant in relation to your requisition for funds to meet the

expenses of your office for the current month.

I have this day addressed a communication to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting that an additional sum of \$300 be advanced you from the appropriation for wages and contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year 1883. Referring to the last portion of your letter in which you state that you have received no notice of the amount appropriated for the support of your office. I have to inform you that Congress has appropriated only for the first month of the present fiscal year, one twelfth of the appropriation of the last fiscal year. It is probable that the bill making appropriations for the remainder of the fiscal year, will be passed within a few days and you will be notified of the amount appropriated for the use of your office.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

✓ Hon Chas J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir;

July 25. 1882.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of One thousand eighty nine $\frac{66}{100}$ dollars (\$1089.66) in gold coin, and Twenty six $\frac{42}{100}$ dollars (\$26.42) in silver coin making a total of One thousand one hundred sixteen, $\frac{08}{100}$ dollars (\$1116.08) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1000, dated July 5. 1882. of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Henry Bremner Esq.

July 25. 1882.

#710 Market St.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant offering to make one of your very best standard bullion Balances for the Carson Mint for the Sum of \$1200 is received. Your offer is accepted and as the Balance is needed I will thank you to manufacture the same as early as practicable, and when ready for shipment you will please advise this office, that the necessary directions may be given you for its shipment through the Quartermaster's Department. The Superintendent of the Mint at Carson has been requested to inform this office whether a set of standard weights will be required with the Balance and as soon as a reply is received, you will be advised.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Trust Auditor

July 26 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the statistical expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the month ending June 30th 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Trust Auditor

July 26 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement

the Bullen's accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson City for the quarter ending March 31 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford Esq.

July 26. 1882

Supt. Mint Carson.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullen's accounts for the Quarter ending March 31 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford Esq.

July 26. 1882.

Supt. Mint Carson.

Sir;

Referring to the previous correspondence in reference to glass syphons for the use of your Mint. I enclose herewith copy of a letter from Messrs Emis & Amend in reference to the same.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. Selous Esq.

July 26. 1882.

Assay in Charge U. S. Mint.

Denver Col.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your statistical expense account for the month ending

June 30 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.

July 26, 1882.

Sup Mint, New Orleans.

Sir;

On the 13th instant, Messrs Pope, Cole & Co. of Baltimore, shipped (10) tin of Copper which was to be delivered free of all charges at your mint.

I will thank you to inform this office when the copper is received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A London Snowden Esq.

July 26, 1882.

Capt U. S. Mint Philadelphia

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 25th inst in reference to Cashier Blotter, I have to say that requisition for the same was made on the 13th ult. Inquiring in regard to the book is now being made by the Stationery Division, and its completion will be hurried as much as possible. It will doubtless be ready in a few days. The ordering of one in your City will therefore be unnecessary.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

July 26, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Boise City.

Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of Twenty one thousand six hundred and twenty two ⁴⁶/₁₀₀ dollars (\$21,622.46) in gold coin, and one hundred and seventy one ⁵⁸/₁₀₀ ^{dollars} (\$171.58 in S. U. M. making a total of Twenty one thousand seven hundred and ninety four ⁴⁴/₁₀₀ dollars (\$21,794.04) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Bait City for Coinage as shown by Memoranda Nos 589, 590, 591. dated July 17 1882. of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston.

Telegram Daniel Meyer
San Francisco

July 27th 1882.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Similar telegram sent to.

Telegram J. B. Naggin
San Francisco

Bank of California
San Francisco.

Telegram Supt Mint
Carson Nevada.

July 27, 1882.

Offer of Williams accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank.
San Francisco.

July 27 1882.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram Wandy & Cronie July 27 1882.
 24 Mason Street.
 New York.
 Your offer of One hundred and twenty five thousand ounces
 for Philadelphia, and seventy five thousand ounces for New
 Orleans accepted.
 R. C. Preston.
 Confirmed Acting Director

Telegram Superintendent Mint July 27 1882.
 New Orleans, La.
 Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company fifty five
 thousand ounces and from Wandy and Cronie seventy five
 thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and fifty four
 hundredths cts per ounce fine.
 R. C. Preston.
 Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company July 27 1882.
 Denver Colorado.
 Your offer accepted for New Orleans at One hundred four-
 teen and fifty four hundredths cents per ounce fine
 R. C. Preston.
 Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint July 27 1882.
 San Francisco Cal.
 Receive from Daniel Meyer thirty five thousand ounces
 from J. B. Naggen eighty thousand ounces, and from Bank
 of California, one hundred and forty thousand ounces, all
 at one hundred fourteen and one half cents per ounce.
 R. C. Preston.
 Confirmed Acting Director.

W. R. Balch Esq.
#27 Walnut Street

July 27, 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant, requesting such parts of the Report of the Director of the Mint upon the production of the precious metals as are available. I have to state that the manuscript is all in the hands of the printer, no copy having been retained in this office.

The proof sheets thus far received, have not yet reached the statistical portion of the Report.

I am endeavoring to have an extra copy printed for your use, and if successful will mail it to you as soon as received. In the meantime, I send you a manuscript copy of the introduction which please return after you have made use of it.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Gen S. V. Benet

July 27, 1882.

Chief of Ordnance
War Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith one gold 1st class army marksmanship medal, three silver 3rd class army marksmanship medals, eighteen bronze copies prize army marksmanship medals and eighteen bronze copies, 3rd class, all in cases and furnished in compliance with your letter of May 23, 1882. I also enclose the bill of the Superintendent of the Mint, for these medals in cases, amounting \$166.80, for which I will thank you to cause a draft to be permitted to A. L. Snowden, Superintendent Mint at Philadelphia. I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of the medals to this office.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

R. B. Narwin Esq.

July 27, 1882.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office.

Helena Mont.

Sir;

I have requested that the Bullion fund of your office be increased \$5,000 by a transfer of that amount and that the same be transmitted you in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Philip C. Van Wyck, Esq.

July 27, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York City.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses of your office 1882 bill of the "New York Commercial Advertiser" amounting to \$70 for advertising for proposals for supplies required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

July 27, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts, respectively named which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars, or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars to the order of Nandy & Cromer 125,000 ounces at \$1.1452.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

A. Linden Lumsden Esq.
 Supt. U.S. Mint.
 Philadelphia Pa.

July 27. 1882.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 26th instant, stating that you had cancelled the contract made with Thomas Simkins for supplying your Mint with charcoal for the current fiscal year, on account of the very inferior quality furnished, being wholly unfit for the purposes of your mint.

Your action in cancelling the contract for the reasons stated is hereby approved.

The award of the contract to furnish charcoal for the current fiscal year to Mr John R. Rowand at 15¢ per bushel is approved.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mr Chas. J. Folger
 Secretary of the Treasury.

July 27th 1882.

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 15th instant in relation to the attachment and rider for Life Saving Medal, I have the honor to enclose herewith, design prepared by the Philadelphia Mint, therefore, and submit the same for your inspection and approval if it meets your views.

I also enclose for your information copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mr Charles J. Folger.

July 27. 1882.

Mrs Chas. J. Folger.
 Secretary of the Treasury.
 Sir:

July 27. 1882.

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. be increased Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be transmitted the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office in Standard Silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

July 28. 1882.

San Francisco.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to One hundred fourteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Supt. Mint.

Supt. Mint.

Carson Nev.

New Orleans La.

Telegram

Assayer U. S. Mint.

July 28 1882,

Denver Colorado.

State approximately amount you will probably require weekly for payment of gold deposits.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

July 28 1882.

New Orleans.

Assistant Treasurer instructed to pay draft on your endorsement.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor

July 28 1882

Treasury Department.

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bulletin accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending March 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor

July 28 1882.

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending June 30th 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. W. Brown Esq.

July 28, 1882.

No 6 North 5th St.

Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 26th inst making inquiry as to why your bid for crucibles for the Philadelphia Mint was rejected, and in reply I have to say that in submitting the proposals ^{received} for supplies, the Superintendent of the Mint in his letter to this office states as follows: "The only bid for crucibles and covers is the bid of Charles W. Brown, representing Divins Crucibles. These crucibles were tried for a long time during the administration of J. Ross Snowden, as Director of the Mint and subsequently, and the Miller and Refiner is clearly of

the opinion that the crucibles furnished by Taylor to this Mint are vastly superior in the melting of gold and silver. The Dixon crucibles are believed to be quite satisfactory for the manufacturing of steel but have not proved satisfactory in the operations of the Mint. I therefore suggest that the bid of Charles W. Brown be rejected."

I would add that it is of the first importance that the crucibles used by the Mints in melting gold and silver should be of the best quality in every respect, as otherwise the loss by the use of inferior crucibles would be great and in the selection of crucibles the judgment of the Melters and refiners is in a great measure acquiesced in, he being the officer charged by law with the operations of melting gold and silver for manufacture into ingots and fine bars.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. Silver Eng.

July 28. 1882.

Assayer U. S. Mint.

Denver Colorado.

Sir,

Referring to your telegram of the 26th inst. stating that the bullion fund of your office is exhausted and requesting that funds be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank by telegram, I have to state that on the 28th ultimo a letter was addressed by this office to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased \$50,000 by a transfer of that amount, to be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank.

This letter was referred to the Treasurer with instructions to make the transfer. Upon receipt of the letter by the Treasurer, he found upon examination of the returns of the Colorado National Bank and your

own statements that there appeared to be a large balance to your credit. We therefore delayed making the transfer until this balance was reduced.

Upon inquiry at the Treasurer's Office, I learn that the bank was directed on the 19th instant to place to your credit \$10,000 and on the 26th instant \$15,000. The Treasurer does not deem it advisable to place more to your credit than the probable amount of your weekly payment for gold deposits. I will thank you to advise this office what amount you will probably require weekly to pay for gold deposits and I will endeavor to make such arrangement as will secure the prompt placing of such amount to your credit.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A London Snowden Esq.

July 28, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Sir;

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your Mint will be 114 4 per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Amos Miller.

July 28 1882.

Cicatus, Ill.

Madam.

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. requesting name and address of coin dealers, I enclose a list of such persons as desired viz:

Scott & Co. 146 Fulton St New York, N. Y.

S. K. Warzfeld 1713 Park Avenue Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

W. J. Davis Esq.

July 28, 1882.

Capt. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 24th instant, I have approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request that the amount be paid from the appropriation contained in the act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, Bill of Pope Cole & Co for 20 casks of copper, shipped you on the 13th instant amounting to \$3,675.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Phineas C. Van Myek Esq.

July 28, 1882.

Capt. U.S. Assay Office.

New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary and refinery accounts for the month ending June 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Messrs Pope Cole & Co.

July 28, 1882.

No 57 South Gay Street

Baltimore Ind.

Gentlemen

Your bill of the 13th inst for 20 Sacks of Baltimore Ingot Copper shipped the Mint at New Orleans, amounting to \$3,675, also your bill of the 17th ultimo for 20 casks of copper shipped the Mint at San Francisco amounting to \$35.90 have been approved, and referred for

payment. In the course of ten days drafts for the amounts will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

July 28, 1882.

Capt. Mmt Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bulletin accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

July 28, 1882.

Capt. U. S. Mmt.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter addressed by this office to Mr C. W. Brown in reply to a letter from him in reference to the rejection of his bid for crucibles for the use of your Mmt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden.

July 28, 1882.

Capt. U. S. Mmt.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses, 1882, list of the "Telegraph" amounting to \$60. for advertising for proposals.

for supplies required for your Mint for the fiscal year 1883.
 Very respectfully.
 R. C. Preston.

Mr. Charles J. Folger.
 Secretary of the Treasurer.
 Sir;

July 28. 1882.

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York, and that a notification of such credit be given by telegraph.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. F. Burton Esq.
 Supt. Mint
 San Francisco.

July 28. 1882.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request that the amount be paid from the appropriation contained in the act authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver dollar, bill of Pope, Cole & Co. of Baltimore for 20 casks of copper, shipped you on the 17th ultimo, amounting to \$3,590.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. F. Burton Esq.
 U. S. Mint San Francisco.
 Sir;

July 28 1882.

I have this day requested that your bullion fund

Is increased by a transfer of 1,000,000 standard silver dollars the same to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

July 29, 1882.

Capt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Referring to my letter of the 13th instant requesting copies in silver and in bronze of the medal struck in commemoration of the adoption of the great seal, I have now to say that it will be necessary for you to forward only a bronze copy. When transmitting it, I will thank you to state the exact cost of the same.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.

July 29, 1882.

Capt. U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Requisition has this day been made upon the printer for Blank Cashiers daily statements, and as requested in your letter of the 26th inst. 500 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

E. J. Preston, Esq.
 Capt. U. S. Mint.
 San Francisco.

July 29 1882.

Sir;

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the printer for
 Blank "Miscellaneous Bulletin Book" for the use of your Mint
 and as requested in your letter of the 19th inst the same will
 be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor

July 29 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the
 Bulletin accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office
 at New York for the Tr ending March 31, 1882, rendered to
 me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor

July 29 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement
 the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of
 the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho. for the month
 ending June 30 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of
 adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Mollus. Esq.

July 29 1882.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office
Bris. City Idaho.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your ordinary expense account for the month ending June 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Assay Office.

July 29, 1882.

New York

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bulletin accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis. Esq.

July 29. 1882.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans La.

Sir;

As requested in your dispatch of the 28th instant I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$400. to meet the expenses for wages of workmen at your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of the act authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver dollar passed February 28, 1878.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Wolters Esq.

July 31 1882.

Assayer in Charge.

U. S. Assay Office, Boise City

Sir:

I respectfully invite your attention to enclosed certificates No 273 error of one dollar and No 288 error of eight $\frac{34}{100}$ dollars, in favor of John Lemp.

You will please cause to have refunded the above amounts to the above mentioned party and return to this office the corrected certificates. I also inclose herewith your abstracts of Deposits of Gold Bullion for the second quarter ending June 30th 1882 for correction. Entry of No 344 should be \$76.63 instead of \$76.62 and of No 318 it should be \$177.53 instead of \$115.53. Such errors show irreparable carelessness and cause this office great inconvenience and delays the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint

July 31. 1882.

Carson City.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the assayer's report upon special assay Coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of June 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Jarvis Esq.

July 31, 1882.

Supt U. S. Mint.

New Orleans, La.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary refining and standard silver dollar accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint.

July 31, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint, during the month of June 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.Supt Mint.

Philadelphia

Supt. Mint

✓ San Francisco.

A. Luden Snowdred Esq.

July 31, 1882.

Supt U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant I enclose herewith copy of a letter from Gen S. V. Benet submitting designs for the Army marksmanship medal in lieu of the design of the medal referred to in your letter.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

July 31. 1882.

Philadelphia. Pa

Sir,

I enclose herewith an additional list of distances properly approved. to govern you in the payment of vouchers for the transportation of silver coin.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

July 31. 1882.

San Francisco Cal.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bulletin accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending June 30 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

William Ballantini & Son

August 1. 1882.

428 7th Street. City.

Gentlemen,

Your bill of the 17th ult for 1 Lb Matts Chemistry purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$80. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

August 1. 1882.

Charlotte N. C.

Sir,

You are hereby authorized and instructed on and after July 1st of the present year, to take credit in your bulletin accounts, each quarter for the charges in

posed at the Mint to which your bullion is shipped on the shipments represented in transfer orders of the quarter. That is to say you will credit collection account as usual with the charges collected during the quarter, and you will debit it with the charges imposed at the Mint on the bullion covered by transfer orders and no other.

At the end of the year any difference in Assays of value or charges will be settled in your profit and loss account.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

✓ Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

St. Louis Mo.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

Price City Idaho

✓ Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

Denver Col.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

✓ Helena Montana

Capt. U. S. Mint.

Canon, Nevada.

August 1. 1882.

Sir;

✓ C.D. No 62 for \$1375.96 being on account of refining charges for June 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 19th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

Charlotte N. C.

August 1. 1882.

✓ Sir;

C.D. No 5553 for \$59.01 being on account of gains from snecps received fiscal year 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 12th ultimo has been received.

properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury
personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the
amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N. C.

August 1. 1882.

Sir:

C/O. No 5 for \$ 352.84 being on account of profits on bullion
during fiscal year 1882 enclosed in your communication
of the 12th inst has been received, properly endorsed and for-
warded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to
be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount
to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer U. S. Mint.
Denver Colorado.

August 1. 1882.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund
of your Mint be increased \$50000 by a transfer of that amount
and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado
National Bank at Denver Col.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer U. S. Mint.
Denver Colorado.

August 1. 1882.

Sir:

I have received from the Superintendent at Philadelphia
C/O No 3581 made in your name for \$974.93 on account of
profits of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1882,
being part proceeds of gold bullion forwarded by you to
that institution. I will thank you to inform me of

the exact nature of this deposit so that it may be properly covered into the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Hon Daniel Emmenthout.

August 1. 1882.

House of Representatives.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 31st ult. I would say that if you will furnish this office with a list of public libraries in your congressional district the report of the Director of the Mint on the production of the precious metals in the United States will be sent them. It will also be sent to the newspapers of your district upon a list of the same being furnished.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. U.S. Mint.

August 1. 1882.

New Orleans La.

Sir;

I have received by reference by the Treasurer of the United States under date of the 24th ult. a letter from you dated the 21st ultimo, addressed to him enclosing C/S. No 149 on a/c of sales of old material and C/S to 150 on account of special assays. I cannot imagine why these certificates should have been forwarded to the Treasurer of the U.S. as you certainly must be aware that it has been the practice, and is your duty to forward them to this office. I will thank you to forward a statement showing the sales of old material, which is necessary to accompany the C/S, also statement showing the special assays for whom made, the dates and the amount received for each.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 1. 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Sir;

Referring to your ordinary expense account, for the month of June 1882. I desire to call your attention to an error in voucher #208. Bill of M. N. Applegate. Item under date of May 15th for 15 lbs solder at 15¢ per pound is entered in the bill at \$4.50 instead of \$2.25 the correct amount.

I observe also that Turpentine is charged at the rate of 60¢ per gall, in the bill of Mr Paltchoff, while your contract with the firm of Woodward and Wright fixes the price at 45¢.

Please explain why the purchase was made from the above named party at the advanced rate.

Enclosed please find your account current, Ordinary Expenses, which is returned for correction, which will be done by eliminating therefrom the receipts and disbursements relating to "parting and refining bullion" for which a separate account current with abstract of disbursements must be rendered.

As in the case of the Standard Silver dollar expense account, the vouchers made upon the account returned will indicate the entries that should appear on the one required. Please return without delay.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston. Acting Auditor.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 1. 1882.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 28th of July, enclosing C/S. No 5581 of the Assistant Treasurer of your City, in the name of N. Silver Assayer of the Mint at Denver Colorado, on account of the profits of that institution for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1882 being part proceeds of deposit of gold bullion from that Mint as per your memorandum No 1000 forwarded on the 24th ult. I have written to the Assayer at Denver for full information in regard

is the nature of this deposit. so that it may be properly covered into the Treasury.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 1 1882.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir;

C/S. No 5579 for \$100,000 being on account of minor coinage profits enclosed in your communication of the 22nd ult. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Comptroller of the Treasury pursuant credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 1, 1882.

Philadelphia Pa

Sir.

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

1 Cashier's blotter.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 1, 1882.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th of June 1882. enclosing C/S No 5542 as refining charges for the month of May \$710.46 and C/S No 5543 as charges other than refining, for the same month \$59.98. Upon comparing these certificates with your statement of charges imposed on gold and silver bullion for the month of May form No 83, I find a discrepancy

of 2 cents as follows: On your statement the parting charge on gold during the month amounts to \$50.59 refining charges on silver to \$52.97 the toughening charge on gold to \$37.94. The toughening charge on silver to \$18.93 making a total of refining charges of \$710.43 being two cents less than the amount of your certificate of deposit. The same statement shows the other charges to have been

Melting charge on gold	<u>\$14.00</u>
" " " Silver	<u>20.88</u>
Alloy " " gold	<u>13.02</u>
" " " Silver	<u>.14</u>
Bar charge	<u>\$11.96</u>
Total	<u>\$60.</u>

instead of \$59.98 the amount of your C.D.

I thank you to inform me how these discrepancies occurred, and which is the correct amount to be carried to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion which will be determined by your entries on your abstract sheets which have not reached this office but are in your possession.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

August 1, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury
Sir.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of One thousand four hundred forty six ⁹⁶/₁₀₀ dollars (\$1,446.96) in gold coin, and Eight ¹¹/₁₀ dollars (\$ 8.11) in silver coin, making a total of One thousand four hundred fifty five ⁰⁷/₁₀₀ dollars (\$ 1,455.07) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for coinage as shown by memorandum No 1112 dated July 25th 1882. of

gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Mr. Charles J. Folger.

August 1, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver Col. be increased Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Mint with the Colorado National Bank at Denver Col.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 1, 1882.

San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

The official bond of Edwin G. Marks Chief Clerk of your Mint executed in the sum of \$10,000 and bearing date of the 21st ult. has been received and referred to the Solicitor of the Treasury for examination and certification.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 1, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

G. S. No 22 for \$13415.47 being on account of surplus bullion returned by Melters and refiner enclosed in your communication of the 6th ult. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the account to be covered into the

Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis, Mo.

August 1, 1882.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30th 1882. The standard weight of the silver contained in the deposits of the quarter is entered as 339.535 ounces instead of 337.11 ounces amount called for by the abstract sheets.

In this connection I would state for your information that silver should only be carried in two places in the abstract sheets. Gold being carried to thousandths and the silver to hundredths.

I fail to find voucher No 1 said to be enclosed with your bullion accounts for payment of transportation charges on bullion forwarded to the Mint at New Orleans.

If the original was forwarded as stated it has been mislaid and you will please forward a duplicate.

You will please make the necessary corrections and return the accounts without delay.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis, Mo.

August 1, 1882.

Sir;

\$5.00 for \$3.81. being an account of bullion shipped the Mint enclosed in your communication of the 11th ult. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St Louis Mo.

August. 1. 1882.

Sir;

Cf. D. No 5099 for \$861 being an account of charges for melting &c enclosed in your communication of the 11th ult. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your future accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

August 2. 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

I am directed by the Secretary to authorize you to inform Helmick and Hanson, that unless they promptly deliver the silver sold by them on the twentieth ultimo, no further offers for sales will be entertained from them.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

Aug 2. 1882.

Carson.

Resume operations. Sufficient funds will be advanced you to pay workmen.

Confirmed. R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 2. 1882.

Carson, Ariz.

Sir;

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,000 payable from the appropriation contained in the act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar to complete payment of the workmen and adjuster of your Mint for the month of July. You will render a separate ac-

count of the disbursements from this advance.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

L. J. Galloway Esq.

August 2, 1882.

Mound Landway.

Miss.

Sir;

Your letter of the 28th ult. relative to amount received for a deposit of mutilated coin sent to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia has been received and referred to the Superintendent of that institution for explanation.

The amount received by you was doubtless the bullion value on the date of the transaction. I enclose herewith circular regulating the purchase of such silver.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Giffellan Esq.

August 2, 1882.

Treasurer U. S.

Washington D. C.

Sir;

I have to inform you that Philip V. R. Van Nyek was appointed Chief Clerk of the New York Assay Office under date of January 12th 1882.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 2, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Sir;

In the press of work at present required by this office from the Public Printer it is not deemed advisable to increase it by requisition for the appointment book you

ask for in your communication of the 29th ultimo.
An ordinary blank book might be ruled and made to serve the
purposes of your institution.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 2, 1882.

Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

The Assayer of this Bureau has forwarded by to days express
a box (the receipt for which is enclosed) containing

6.065 ounces	fine gold.
<u>36.60</u> "	Standard "
<u>10.98</u> "	base metal containing "
<u>24.72</u> "	fine silver.
<u>65.30</u> "	Standard "

resulting from the assay of coins sent me from the
several mints for special test, the coinage value of which I
will thank you to return him free of charge.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Thos C Van Wyck Esq.

August 2 1882.

Supt U. S. Assay Office.

New York. N. Y.

Sir:

The following awards made by you for supplies for the
three months ending June 30, 1882, and transmitted for
the approval of this office, in your letter of the 26th
ultimo are hereby approved, viz:

Bridley & Co.

Sulphuric Acid at $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound
and allows 30 ¢ per 100 lbs for spent liquor.

J. Skidmore's Sons.

Coal

at \$3.80 per gross ton

N. Manner

Sile

at 7 1/2 cts per 100 cubic inches

Lime Clay

\$1.75 per barrel

A. Weber

Lime brick #1

at \$35.00 per m.

Muffles

at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75

Aslag Turnaces

\$30.00

Turnace Stoppers

14 c

E. J. Brooks & Co

Cotton Waste

at 9 1/2 c per lb

Mops

" 17 c

Millet & Nathorn

Brushes scrub

" \$2.50 per doz

" white wash

" \$10.50 " "

Matches Gates blue

" \$2.50 " gross

Pails Cedar copper lined

" \$31. " doz

Lubs

" \$5.0. " "

Brooms

" \$3.75 " "

N. J. Baker & Bss.

Borax

" 15 c " lb

Nitrates of Soda

" 3 1/4 c " "

W. P. Bensch & Son

Lard Lices and Heading

at \$1.00

Phenix Mfg Co.

Cucubles B. L

" 3 c per 100 lbs 50%

Dippers

" 25 c " 20 "

Stirers

" 25 c " 50 "

Covers

" 43 c

National Chemical Wood Treatment Co.

Kendling wood

at 33 c per sack

N. M. Merrill

Charcoal

" 65 c " barrel

Charcoal pulverized

" \$3.00 " "

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Quicks.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 2. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refining and Standard Silver dollar expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending June 30 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

August 2. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday asking for a blank order book for the use of the Cashier of your Mint. I have to say that owing to the time that would be required to prepare the book here you are authorized to purchase same in your city. I return blank.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 2. 1882.

San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

I have examined the statement of the account with the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, relating to your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882, enclosed in your letter of the 24th ultimo and return the same herewith with some corrections in pencil.

The amount of earnings deposited during the year, \$158,200.21 is correct.

The remittances are all correct, but, the bills paid at this department from the appropriation named on account of your Mint are in this case erroneous viz:

1881 Nov 12 Central Pacific R.R. freight should be \$177.90
instead of \$179.89 as entered in your account.

1882. February 8. Central Pacific R.R. freight should be \$140.41
instead of \$141.41.

1882 May 8. Central Pacific R.R. freight should be \$415.10
instead of \$416.15.

These changes will of course alter the balance to the credit
of the appropriation entered on your statement.

As a separate account is not kept with the pasting and
refining charge of your mint, but one general account
kept with the refining earnings of the several mints and
the New York Assay Office, I have not verified the balance
which you have entered on your statement.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Sept. Mint.

August 3, 1882.

Canon. Mr.

✓ Offer of Williams accepted.

Confirmed.

R. C. Preston Acting Director. ✓

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

August 3, 1882.

Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred and
fifty four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director. ✓

Telegram

Nandy & Cronie

August 3, 1882.

24 Nassau Street. New York.

Your offer of two hundred thousand ounces accepted for Phila.

Confirmed.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director. ✓

Telegram

Sept. Mint.

August 3, 1882.

New Orleans.

Rec'd from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty four.

Thousand ounces, at one hundred fourteen and fifty four hundredths
cent per ounce fine.

Confirmed R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Telegram. H. A. Steele. August 3, 1882.

Acting Supt. Mint. New Orleans.

It is your duty to report the facts promptly without any con-
cealment whatever.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer. August 3, 1882.

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Confirmed. R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Similar telegram addressed to.

Telegram L. Lacour.

San Francisco.

Telegram Supt. Mint. August 3, 1882.

San Francisco.

Appropriations continued on basis of last year. Will notify
you promptly of passage of new Act. Until then continue as
last month.

Confirmed. R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank. August 3, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer accepted.

Confirmed. R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint. August 3, 1882.

San Francisco.

Receive from Anglo Californian Bank one hundred and
sixty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and one half
cent per ounce fine.

Confirmed. R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Gen. S. D. Benet.

August 3. 1882.

Chief of Ordnance.

War Department.

Sir;

I enclose herewith a design for Department army marksmanship medal, prepared by the engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia from the four (4) designs recently submitted by you to this office (returned herewith)

I will thank you to advise me of your decision as early as practicable with reference to the design submitted.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 3. 1882.

Carson Nev.

Sir;

I find that while you have been in the habit of depositing your parting and refining charges promptly each month, you have not thought it necessary to deposit at the same time the other charges collected at your Mint. Unless you have already done so, I will thank you to deposit the charges other than parting and refining charges collected during the fiscal year 1882 and forward the C/P to this office, and hereafter commencing with the charges for the month of July, you will please deposit each month the "parting and refining charge" and the "other than parting and refining charges" separately, and forward the C/P each month with form No 83 "report of charges collected"

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

James Giffellan Esq.
Treasurer U. S.

August 3. 1882.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Edwin G. Waite has been appointed Chief Clerk of the United States Mint at San Francisco to date from July 1st 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

R. B. Nason Esq.

August 3. 1882.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office.
Helena. Mont.

Sir:

I have received a communication from the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York enclosing original C/P. No 1117. with the Assistant Treasurer at that City for \$244.35 made in your name, being the net proceeds of sweeps of your office for the fiscal year 1882, as per memorandum of deposit herewith forwarded to you.

I will thank you to give me full information in regard to this deposit as to whether the amount will appear in your bottom accounts, that I can make the proper endorsement covering it into the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge

August 3. 1882.

U. S. Assay Office. Helena.

Sir:

Please forward your bottom accounts for the quarter ended June 30 1882, without delay.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

August 3, 1882.

Sir;

I have received your communication of the 2nd instant, transmitting original Q'S N^o 1117, of the Assistant Treasurer at New York for \$244.35 in the name of R. B. Harrison Assayer at Helena, Mont. Being the net proceeds of the sweeps of that office for the fiscal year 1882 as per memorandum of deposit enclosed in your letter and have written to Mr Harrison for information which will enable me to make the proper endorsements covering it into the Treasury.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

August 3 1882.

Sir;

I have this day requested a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$ 152,199.74 payable in 130,796.65 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

August 3, 1882.

Sir;

Please forward your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30 1882 without delay.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

August 3, 1882

New Orleans.

Sir;

C/S. No 150 for \$12 being on account of special assays enclosed in your communication of the 21st ult. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury in personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

August 3, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

C/S. No 149 for \$ 143.99 being on account of sales of old material enclosed in your communication of the 21st ultimo, has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury in personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 3, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st ult. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury (incorrectly) enclosing original C/S. No 156 for \$1,863.91 unexpended balance of appropriations for the fiscal year 1882. The C/S. has been forwarded to the Secretary, personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as follows.

Salaries	New Orleans Mint	1882	\$ 1425.86
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Wages of workmen	"	"	"	\$ 5.05
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Contingent expenses New Orleans Mint 1882 \$362.00
 Parting and refining bullion \$1.00
 Standard Silver Dollars Oct February 28. 1878 - \$70.00

It would have been better to have deposited these amounts in separate certificates, and in fact it was entirely unnecessary to have deposited the balance to the credit of the parting and refining and Standard Silver dollar appropriations as they are continuous appropriations.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 3. 1882

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I enclose herewith properly signed in duplicate Medal Fund vouchers for Army marksmanship medals forwarded by you to this office on the 23rd ultimo.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 3. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following coins received during the month of July at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz.

3 Standard Silver dollars

\$3.00

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director. ✓

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 3. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have this day requested that a transfer be made ✓

from the Bullion fund of the New York Assay Office, to that of your Mint of the sum of \$162,199.74 payable in 130,796.65 ounces of Standard Silver Bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 3, 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of a letter from Gen S. V. Benet requesting that the following medals be struck and forwarded to him before the 15th of September next viz:

Two (2) Second class, army prize, gold (recent design)

Three (3) First class, division prize, gold.

Nine (9) second class division prize, gold (recent design)

Twenty four (24) third class division prize silver.

Nine (9) department prize, gold, recent design.

I will thank you to cause these medals to be struck and forwarded to this office with your accounts for the same prior to September 15th.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint

August 3, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit an additional table of distances and rates to govern you in paying Express Company's transportation charges in connection with the distribution of Silver Coins.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

August 3. 1882.

Sir,

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. explaining a discrepancy in the deposits with the Assistant Treasurer of the charges collected at your Mint during the month of May. I have to inform you that C.D. No 5542 for \$710.45[✓] endorsed in your letter of June 5th has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, the amount to be carried to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion and C.D. No 5543 for \$9.98 for charges other than refining, enclosed in the same communication, ^{has also been forwarded to the Secretary} the amount to be covered with the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt, and personal credit to be given you for both certificates in your Bullion accounts.

In order that the amount covered to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining Bullion, may agree with the collection on such account. I have to request that in your Statement of Refinery earnings for the year you will report the earnings for the month of May as \$710.45 and reduce the report of the amount collected for other charges 29

I need hardly say that it is unfortunate that an error should be made in depositing money in the Treasury as it cannot be changed after it is deposited, except with considerable difficulty, and I trust that you will instruct your Cashier to compare the amounts to be deposited in the Treasury each month with the footings of the abstract sheets, before making the deposits.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

August 3. 1882.

Sir,

Referring to voucher No 2983/4 of your ordinary expense account for the month of June, reimbursing from your

contingent appropriation — \$19,133.76 on account of Melters and Refiners and Comm. gold wastage. I have to call your attention to the fact, that the entire gold wastage of the Melters and Refiners with deduction of surplus bullion has been paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses while the Regulations provide, page 16 that melting and refining should pay for such proportion of that officers gold wastage in excess of the value of any surplus bullion as the number of ounces of gold bullion operated upon in the refining during the whole year bears to the whole amount of gold bullion refined and made into pigs.

I will thank you to inform me why the apportionment was not made between your contingent and melting and refining appropriations, as required by the Regulations just quoted.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 3, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars to wit of.

Waddy & Co. 200,000 ounces at \$1.1454

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

August 3, 1882.

St. Louis Mo.

Sir;

C.P. No 5098 for \$67. being on account of ore assays enclosed in your communication of the 11th ultimo

has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered with the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

August 3. 1882.

St Louis. Mo.

✓ Sir; C/P. No 5104 for \$3.15. Being on account of gain from Deposit melting form enclosed in your communication of the 11th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forward to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered with the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

August 3. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

✓ I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of One hundred fifty two thousand, one hundred ninety nine and $\frac{74}{100}$ dollars (\$152,199.74) payable in 130,796.65 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

August 3. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

✓ For your information I have the honor to inform you that I am in receipt of a telegram from Wm A. Steele, Acting Supt U. S. Mint at New Orleans stating that the monthly

account shows Cashier's short one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) which is accounted for by a note of M. D. Davis Superintendent for that amount.

I have directed the acting Supt. to report all the facts promptly to this office without concealment.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston, Acting Quicksilver.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

August 4, 1882.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account, with extracts and vouchers for the month ending July 31st 1882.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston, Acting Quicksilver.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 4, 1882.

San Francisco.

Com' mmi hundred and fifty thousand silver dollars in August.

R. C. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 4, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of August is hereby fixed at 400,000 pieces. If from any cause it should be found impracticable to coin this amount, you will please inform this office without delay.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Capt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

August 4, 1882.

Sir;

The number of silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of August 1882 is hereby fixed at 1,000,000 pieces.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.
Carson Nev.

August 4, 1882.

Sir;

The number of silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of August 1882 is hereby fixed at 75,000 pieces.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

August 4, 1882.

Sir;

Referring to your Ordinary Expense account for the month of June 1882 I desire to call your attention to the absence from the Coiner's pay rolls, of the name of N. P. Nancell, cutter of the Coiner's Department. I will thank you to explain the omission.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge. U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte. N. C.

August 4, 1882.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended June 30 1882. You will please insert the expenditures in the statement and return it to this office. You are

herely instructed to close your expenditure account for the fiscal year ended June 30 deposit the balance of funds advanced you from the appropriations in your hands if any and to forward a complete annual statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year just closed, in lieu of the one herewith returned

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

August, 4. 1882.

Sir;

I have to inform you that the official bond of Edwin G. Parks, as Chief Clerk of your Mint, executed, in the sum of \$10,000 and bearing date of the 21st ultimo has been approved and filed in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

August. 4. 1882.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction your statement of Earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended March 31st 1882.

The amount expended for salaries during the quarter was \$8211.09 instead of \$8213.09 as entered in your report.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.
Carson

August 5. 1882.

Appropriation act for current year has passed. Changes in salaried positions of which you were informed must be submitted, and where the title or position are changed new letters subscribed. R. C. Preston Acting Director

Confirmed.

Telegram

Capt. Assay Office.
New York.

August 5, 1882.

✓ Appropriation Act for current year has passed. Changes in
salary positions of which you were informed must be submitted,
and where the titles or positions are changed new calls
prescribed.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Confirmed. Similar telegram addressed to.

Telegram

✓ Capt Mint.
Philadelphia

Capt. Mint.

August 5, 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Appropriation Act for current year has passed. Changes
in salaries of which you were notified must be submitted
to take effect from approval of the Act, and where the titles
are changed new calls must be subscribed.

The salary of the Register of Deposits at your Mint is
fixed at ten thousand dollars.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison.

August 5, 1882

Assayer, Helena, Mont.
Sir,

✓ Please forward your Bullion accounts for the 2nd quarter
1882, as soon as possible. In preparing them you will close
out the "Transportation" and "Collection" Accounts by carrying any
balance to credit of "Profit & Loss" (provided all the Bullion was
shipped the Mint). You will also furnish with your accounts
a statement showing each shipment during the year, as
determined at your office, the value allowed by the Mint
and the gain or loss on each. You will be careful to enter
in your Bullion fund account, only such transfers as
were taken up on your transcript prior to July 1st 1882.
Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

A. Mollis Esq.

Assayer at Boise City.

First Auditor.

August 5. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary, Refinery & U. S. Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending June 30 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

August 5. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte for the quarter ending June 30 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

First Auditor.

August 5. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis for the quarter ending June 30. 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. J. Corlies, Esq.
Assayer, Charlotte.
Sir,

August 5. 1882.

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bulletin accounts for the Quarter ending June 30 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Messrs. C. W. News & Morgan.
1219 Callowhill St.

Aug 5. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen.

Please forward to this office one set of fine grate bars for the crucible furnace made by you for the Laboratory of this Bureau.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Messrs. C. W. News & Morgan.
1219 Callowhill St.

August 5. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen

I have this day forwarded to your address by express the shaft and small wheel of the assay slip roller made by you for the Laboratory of this Bureau in order to have the crank by which it is turned placed on the side of the large wheel as suggested by Mr. Orr when here.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

Aug 5. 1882.

Sir;

The following coins received during the month of July

at your Mint for Special Assay, and transmitted to this office have been received viz

5 Standard Silver Dollars.

\$5.00

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 5. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have forwarded to you by express for repair, the lid of the silver agitator made at your Mint. Please have the rubber caps removed, and replaced by new ones, or some more lasting material and returned as early as possible.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 5. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I return herewith the design of "Army Department Marksmanship" medal submitted in your letter 2nd inst. for the approval of the Secretary of War.

The design having been approved, you will please cause the dies to be prepared and the medals struck as early as practicable. I enclose for your information copy of letter from Ordnance office returning design.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 5. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The explanation contained in your letter of the 4th instant, in relation to paying the entire Gold postage of the Melters and Refiner (less surplus bullion) from your Contingent Appropriation, is entirely satisfactory. Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

August 5. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery and St. Silver dollar accounts for the month ending June 30. 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August 5. 1882.

St. Louis.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30. 1882. with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August 5. 1882.

St. Louis. Mo.

Sir,

I return herewith for correction, as indicated in pencil, Statement of Earnings and Expenditures of your office for the Quarter ended June 30 1882. The expenditures for labor, and incidentals, including fixtures & machinery, during the quarter named, amounted to \$619.65 as shown by your Ordinary accounts.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 5. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil

Statement #207 "Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint" for the quarter ended June 30, 1882.

The expenses for "parting and refining bullion" as shown by your monthly expense accounts for April May and June 1882 were \$34,357.16 (not including \$639.22 paid in May for loss on scraps sold) whereas on the statement returned, the amount is given at \$31,357.16. The amount allowed for contingent expenses was 10¢ less than that embraced in your statement. Please return the enclosed statement with corrected one.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

August 7, 1882.

Helena Mont.

Sir,

I have requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased \$10,000 by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be transmitted you in silver coin as follows:

In Standard silver dollars	<u>\$5,000</u>
" Quarter dollars	<u>\$5,000</u>

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

August 7, 1882.

New York.

Sir,

I enclose herewith for your information a circular of this department in relation to briefing letters, which I will thank you to comply with.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 7, 1882

New Orleans.

Sir,

Referring to the enclosed list of assay reports belonging to your Bullion accounts for the Second Quarter 1882, I will thank you to inform me why a refining charge was not imposed in each case.

Respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Muchant & Co.

August 7, 1882.

525 Arch St. Phil.

Gentlemen,

Your bill of the 21st ultimo for 1423 slabs of Spelter, value \$4080 shipped the Mint at San Francisco, on the 18th ultimo, has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint in that City, with instructions to send you a draft on the East for the amount on receipt of the goods in proper condition.

Respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Chas. J. Folger.

August 7, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of one thousand six hundred eighty six $\frac{81}{100}$ dollars (\$1,686.81) in gold coin, and eighteen $\frac{52}{100}$ dollars (\$18.52) in silver coin, making a total of one thousand seven hundred sixty three $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars (\$1,765.33) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for coinage as shown

by memorandum No 1154 dated August 3^d 1882 of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

August 7, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena Mont. be increased ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be transmitted the assayer in charge of said assay office in silver coins of the following denominations.

In Standard Silver dollars.	<u>\$5,000.</u>
" Quarter dollars	<u>5,000</u>

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Minit.

August 7, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$36,000 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year viz

Salaries	1883. <u>\$4,000</u>
Wages of workmen	1883. <u>32,000</u>
Contingent expenses	1883. <u>10,000</u>

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Mint.

August 7. 1882

San Francisco.

Sir;

Referring to your communication of the 31st ultimo requesting an advance of \$15.00. from appropriation contained in the Act authorizing the Coinage of the St. Silver dollar, passed July 28. 1878, to complete the payment of the workmen & adjuster at your Mint, during the current month, I have to say, that

✓ I have approved your regular requisition for funds for more than the amount requested for wages of workmen, and as a number of high grade employees now paid from wages Appropriation will be changed to salaries, from, and including the 5th inst. I presume the amount advanced you \$22.000 will be sufficient without the additional \$15.00 from the Silver dollar appropriation.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Mint.

August 7. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I enclose herewith for payment by you from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion", on receipt of the goods in proper condition Duplicate receipted bill of Muchant & Co for 1423 slabs of Bertha Spelter shipped you on the 18th ultimo

✓

I have this day requested the Secretary to have placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, the sum of five thousand dollars from the appropriation for parting & refining bullion, to enable you to pay this bill by draft on that City.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mmt. August 8. 1882.

Carson Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and fifteen shillings
 R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram Supt. Mmt
 New Orleans

Supt. Mmt. ✓
 ✓ San Francisco.

Telegram Supt Mmt August 8. 1882.

Carson

Money on the way to ^{you} pay wages of last month.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Supt. Mmt. August 8. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Silver dollar valuation correct for the bars from New York Assay
 Office, as they cost the Assay Office that amount.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge. August 8. 1882.
 Charlotte. N. C.

Sir.

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$398.36 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ 231. 70
Wages of workmen	1883	} 166. 66
Contingent expenses	1883	

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 8, 1882.

Carson.

Sir:

The changes in the salaries at your institution will take effect on the 5th inst. The persons will be paid under the provisions of the Act of last year, up to and including the 4th inst., and from that date under the provisions of the new Act. The official Oaths should bear date of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 8, 1882.

Carson City.

Sir:

The following appropriations have been made for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year 1883 viz:

Salaries.

\$29,550

as follows.

Superintendent	<u>\$3,000</u>
Assayer	<u>\$2,500</u>
Melter and Refiner	<u>\$2,500</u>
Coiner	<u>\$2,500</u>
Assistant Assayer	<u>\$2,000</u>
" Melter & Refiner	<u>\$2,000</u>
" Coiner	<u>\$2,000</u>
Chief Clerk	<u>\$2,250</u>
Cashier	<u>\$2,000</u>
Book-keeper	<u>\$2,000</u>
High Clerk	<u>\$2,000</u>
Abstract Clerk	<u>\$1,800</u>
Register of deposits	<u>\$1,800</u>
Assay's Computational Clerk	<u>\$1,200</u>

Wages of workmen
Contingent Expenses

\$54,000\$25,000

The date of the approval of the Act is the 5th inst so that the new "Salaries," provided for take effect on that day, provided, the ^{appointed to fill the position} persons, qualified by subscribing to an official oath on that date, otherwise, their salaries in the new positions will be paid from the date of the official oaths.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

Denver

August 8, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$2000 payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries — 1883 \$ 1,000

Wages of workmen 1883 1,000

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

J. P. Hunter Esq.

Littleton N.C.

August 8, 1882.

Sir:

Your postal card of the 4th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed if half dollars lettered on the edge are at a premium, has been referred to this office.

All half dollars coined prior to 1836 are lettered on the edge and some of them of rare dates command a premium from coin dealers to whom you should apply for specific information.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Sept. Minit.

August 8, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

The following appropriations have been made for the support of your mint for the fiscal year 1883 viz.

Salaries	<u>\$41,550</u>
as follows.	
Superintendent	<u>\$4,500</u>
Assayer	<u>3,000</u>
Melter & Refiner	<u>3,000</u>
Coiner	<u>3,000</u>
Engraver	<u>3,000</u>
Assistant Assayer	<u>2,000</u>
" Melter & Refiner	<u>2,000</u>
" Coiner	<u>2,000</u>
Cashier	<u>2,500</u>
Chief Clerk	<u>2,250</u>
Book-keeper	<u>2,000</u>
Abstract Clerk	<u>2,000</u>
High Clerk	<u>2,000</u>
Register of deposits	<u>1,700</u>
Warrant Clerk	<u>1,700</u>
Cashier	<u>1,700</u>
Assayer's Computation Clerk	<u>1,600</u>
Assistant High Clerk	<u>1,600</u>

Wages of workmen \$293,000

Contingent expenses 100,000

The date of the approval of the act is the 5th inst. so that the new "Salaries" provided for take effect on that day, provided the persons appointed to fill the positions qualified by subscribing to an official oath on that date - otherwise their salaries in the new positions will be paid from the date of the official oaths.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

August 8, 1882.

Sir,

The changes in the salaries at your institution will take effect on the 5th inst.

The persons will be paid under the provisions of the act of last year up to and including the 4th inst. and from that date under the provisions of the new acts. The official letters should bear date of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint

August 8, 1882

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$44,600 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz;

Salaries	1883	<u>\$3,600</u>
Wages of workmen	1883	<u>25,000</u>
Contingent expenses	1883.	<u>6,000</u>
St. Silver Dollar		<u>10,000</u>

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

August 8 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir. The changes in the salaries of your institution will take effect on the 5th inst.

The persons will be paid under the provisions of the act of last year up to, and including the 4th instant, and from that date under the provisions of the

new act. The official Oaths should bear date of the 5th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Similar Letter to

Supt Mint.

San Francisco. ✓

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

August. 8 1882.

Sir;

The following appropriations have been made for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year 1883 viz;

Salaries \$43,400

as follows:

✓ Superintendent	<u>4,500</u>
Assayer	<u>3,000</u>
Melter & Refiner	<u>3,000</u>
Coiner	<u>3,000</u>
Assistant Assayer	<u>2,500</u>
" Melter & Refiner	<u>2,500</u>
" Coiner	<u>2,500</u>
Chief Clerk	<u>2,500</u>
Cashier	<u>2,500</u>
Bookkeeper	<u>2,200</u>
Abstract Clerk	<u>2,200</u>
Hugh "	<u>2,200</u>
Warrant "	<u>2,200</u>
Register of deposits	<u>2,000</u>
Cashier's Clerk	<u>1,800</u>
Assayin Computation Clerk	<u>1,600</u>
Assistant Hugh "	<u>1,600</u>
Supt's Computation "	<u>1,600</u>
Wages of workmen	<u>\$242,000</u>
Contingent expenses	<u>70,000</u>

The date of the approval of the act is the 5th inst. so that the new "salaries" provided for take effect on that day, provided the persons appointed to fill the positions qualified by subscribing to an official oath on that date - otherwise their salaries in the new positions will be paid from the date of the official oaths.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

August 8, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$ 12,000. to meet the expenses of the printing in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "printing and refining bullion."

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

August 8, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that orders for transportation over the Central Pacific railroad from Reno Nevada to San Francisco and return be issued to James Crawford, Supt of the Minit at Carson, the road to be reimbursed from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Carson Minit 1883.

It is necessary that Mr Crawford should visit San Francisco, on business connected with his Minit.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger.

August 8. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

✓ Return herewith transportation orders Nos 771 & 772 issued for Mr Leach of this office who did not use them.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger.

August 8. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

✓ I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver Col to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of fifty five thousand four hundred eighty six $\frac{41}{100}$ dollars (\$55,486.41) in gold coin and six hundred ninety $\frac{93}{100}$ dollars (\$690.93) in silver coin making a total of fifty six thousand, one hundred seventy seven $\frac{34}{100}$ dollars (\$56,171.34) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver for Coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1165 dated Aug 4th 1882 of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August. 8. 1882.

St Louis. Mo.

Sir;

✓ The Meltor & Refiner of the Mint at New Orleans calls the attention of this Bureau to the base character of the gold bars received at that Mint from your office, and states that the unavoidable loss in refining will be greater than his allowance for wastage.

Your attention is requested to Section 1 of the

Instructions and Regulations which authorizes the refusal of a deposit that is so base as to be deemed unsuitable for the operation of the Mint, and also to Section 9, authorizing a deduction to be made as compensation for unavoidable loss in the removal of base metal.

In future you will either refuse deposits which in your judgment are unfit for Mint purposes or make a sufficient deduction in weight to compensate for loss in refining.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. A. Steele Esq.

August 8, 1882

Acting Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 5th inst covering a communication from the Miller & Refiner in relation to the base character of the bars received from the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis. I have instructed the Assayer in Charge at that office to either refuse deposits too base for Mint operation or to make a deduction from the weight as compensation for unavoidable loss in refining.

Bars received from the St. Louis office should be melted in bulk and partially refined by oxidizing fluxes in the melting operation before they are assayed and credit for the value given to the office at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Andrew W. Smythe.

August 9, 1882.

New Orleans. Care Collector of the Port.

Will there be any risk in a person from this office visiting New Orleans within a few days.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint.

August 9. 1882.

New Orleans.

✓ Toward Mint receipt and certificate issued to yourself as Superintendent for each deposit gold bullion made by the St. Louis Assay Office embraced on the Abstract sheets of your bullion accounts for quarter ended June 30th.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

August 9. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

The changes in the salaries at your institution will take effect on the 5th inst.

✓ The pensions will be paid under the provisions of the act of last year up to and including the 4th inst. and from that date under the provisions of the new act.

The official oaths should bear date of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter to.

Assayer in Charge

✓ Helena Montana.

Assayer in Charge.

August 9. 1882.

Boise City Assay Office.

Sir,

The following appropriations have been made for the support of your office for the fiscal year 1883 viz

Salaries

\$3,000

as follows.

Assayer

\$2,000

Clerk

1,000

Contingent Expenses

5,000

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte.

August 9, 1882.

Sir

The following appropriations have been made for the support of your office for the fiscal year 1883 viz:

Salaries _____ \$2,750.

as follows -

Assayer & Melter \$15.00.

Assistant Assayer 125.00.

Contingent expenses _____ \$2,000

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Minit.

August 9, 1882.

Carson.

Sir.

✓ Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1882, has been approved. for the sum of \$11.500 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Minit during the current fiscal year viz.

Salaries _____ 1883 \$2500.

Wages of workmen _____ 1883 6500.

Contingent expenses _____ 1883 2500.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver. ✓

Supt. Minit.

August 9, 1882.

Carson

✓ Sir.

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of 2000. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully R. E. Preston Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

Denver.

August 9, 1882.

Sir:

The following appropriations have been made for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year 1883 viz:

Salaries

as follows. —

\$10,950

Assayer in Charge

2,500

Melter

2,250

Assistant Assayer

1,400

Chief Clerk

1,800

Clerk

1,600

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1,400

Wages of workmen

12,000

Contingent expenses

9,000

(including 3000 for repairs of building
and premiums)

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Denver.

August 9, 1882,

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bulletin accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Helena.

August 9 1882.

Sir:

The following appropriations have been made for the support of your ~~office~~ for the fiscal year 1883 viz:

Salaries —

\$7,950

as follows.

Assayer in charge	<u>\$2.500</u>
Melter	<u>2.250</u>
Chief Clerk	<u>1.800</u>
Clerk	<u>1.400</u>

Wages of workmen	<u>\$10.000</u>
Contingent expenses	<u>10.000</u>

The date of the approval of the act is the 5th inst. so that the new "salaries" provided for take effect on that day provided the persons appointed to fill the positions qualified by subscribing to an official oath on that date. — otherwise their salaries in the new positions will be paid from the date of the official oaths.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Sut. Assay Office.
New York.

August 9. 1882.

Sir;

The following appropriations have been made for the support of your office for the fiscal year 1883 viz.

Salaries \$39.250

as follows.

Superintendent	<u>\$45.00</u>
Assayer	<u>30.00</u>
Melter & Refiner	<u>30.00</u>
Assistant Melter & Refiner	<u>25.00</u>
Chief Clerk	<u>25.00</u>
Weighing Clerk	<u>25.00</u>
Cashier	<u>2.000</u>
Book-keeper	<u>235.0</u>
Bar Clerk	<u>1800</u>
Tramont ..	<u>2.250</u>
Abstract ..	<u>1800</u>
Assayer's Computation Clerk	<u>1800</u>

Assistant Hugh Clerk	\$ 1,600
Register of deposits	<u>1,250</u>
Assayer's Trust Assistant	<u>2250</u>
" Second "	<u>2150</u>
" Third "	<u>2000</u>

Wages of workmen	\$ <u>25,000</u>
Contingent expenses	<u>10,000</u>

The date of the approval of the act is the 5th inst so that the new "salaries" provided for take effect on that day, provided the persons appointed to fill the positions qualified by subscribing to an official oath on that date. Otherwise their salaries in the new positions will be paid from the date of the official oaths.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Priston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 9, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

The following appropriations have been made for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year 1883, viz

Salaries \$31,950

as follows.

Superintendent	<u>3,500</u>
Assayer	<u>2,500</u>
Melter & Refiner	<u>2,500</u>
Coiner	<u>2,500</u>
Assistant Assayer	<u>1,900</u>
" Melter & Refiner	<u>1,900</u>
" Coiner	<u>1,900</u>
Cashier	<u>2,000</u>
Chief Clerk	<u>2,000</u>
Hugh "	<u>1,600</u>
Abstract "	<u>1,600</u>

Book-keeper	\$1,600
Assayer's computation Clerk	1,600
Register of deposits	1,250
Navant clerk	1,250
Asst. High "	1,250
Cashier "	1,100

Wages of workmen	\$74,000
Contingent expenses	35,000

The date of the approval of the act is the 5th inst. so that the new "Salaries" provided for take effect on that day, provided the persons appointed to fill the positions qualified by subscribing to an Official Oath on that date otherwise their salaries in the new positions will be paid from the date of the Official Oaths.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
St. Louis.

August 9. 1882.

✓ Sir:

The following appropriations have been made for the support of your office for the fiscal year 1883 viz:

Salaries	\$55,000
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as follows.

Assayer in Charge	\$25,000
Melter	20,000
Clerk	10,000

Contingent Expenses	\$6,000
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Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mr. W. J. French.

August 9, 1882.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir,

Acknowledging the reference of a despatch from Madeline C. Abel with an endorsement from Genl. W. J. Sherman in relation to the disapproval of the appointment of Miss Gottli. F. Sargent as an Adjuster in the Mint at San Francisco. I would respectfully state for your information that the disapproval of the appointment of Miss Sargent was not on account of any objection to the lady, but for the reason that she was to be appointed in the place of Mrs Anna S. Randall an experienced Adjuster, and a sister in law of Ex Speaker Randall, whose removal was deemed ~~unwise~~

As the force of Adjusters is already sufficiently large for the business of the Mint, it was not deemed advisable to increase it, which would have been done had Miss Sargent's appointment been approved and Mrs Randall retained.

The despatch is herewith returned.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Mr. R. L. Stearns.

August 9, 1882.

4 Trafalgar Square
London England.

Sir,

Enclosed please find check of £ 3 7/- on Messrs J. S. Morgan & Co of London drawn in ^{your} favor, in payment of your bill of the 30th of June for the Economist and monthly manual

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Telegram Navada Bank. August 10, 1882.

San Francisco

Your offer accepted

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram James B. Colgate & Co. Nandy & Cronie.

47 Wall Street New York.

24 Nassau Street N.Y.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank. August 10, 1882.

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company. August 10, 1882.

Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and thirty eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram Andrew W. Smythe. August 10 1882.

New Orleans.

Mr Leach of this office will be at St Charles Hotel Sunday afternoon 13th inst.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint. August 10, 1882.

New Orleans.

✓ Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Co thirty five thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred fourteen and thirty eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

August 10. 1883.

New Orleans.

✓ Close Mint for business with depositors Monday morning. 14th inst.
The delivery of Coin in your possession to your successor will
commence then. Have everything in readiness and deliver
all bullion in your possession to operative officers.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

August 10. 1882.

New Orleans.

✓ No further advance of funds will be made you.

New Superintendent will pay the workmen for entire month
of August. Get in your bills and close your expense accounts
as soon as convenient. Letter by mail.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Bank of California

August 10. 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Your offer declined.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

August. 10. 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Receive from Nevada Bank fifty three thousand ounces fine
silver at one hundred fourteen and one quarter cent
per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August 10, 1882.

Bois City.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased \$50,000 by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. O. Leach, Esq.

August 10, 1882.

Bureau of the Mint.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed to New Orleans for the purpose of being present, assisting and superintending the transfer from M. D. Davis, the present Superintendent to Andrew W. Smythe, his successor, of the coin bullion and property in the Mint belonging to the United States; and to make an examination of the condition of the Mint, its funds, and property.

Coming to the imperfect manner in which the bullion accounts of the New Orleans Mint have hitherto been rendered, you are directed to give the bookkeeper such instructions as may be necessary to enable him to properly make up the accounts in future, and to avoid the trouble and delay that has hitherto occurred in the adjustment of these accounts: as it is a matter of record that not a single bullion account rendered from that office but what has been returned for correction.

You will also give the incoming Superintendent such information in regard to the transaction of the business as he may desire, and as you may think essential.

Your travelling and other necessary expenses will be paid on the presentation of your account, accompanied by the proper vouchers.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

W. P. Larrow Esq.

August 10. 1882.

Bureau of the Mint.

Sir;

You are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed to New Orleans without delay to assist Mr E. C. Luch, of this office, in weighing and counting the bullion and coin on hand, to be transferred by M. V. Davis to his successor in office A. W. Smythe.

While engaged in this duty, your necessary expenses will be paid on rendition of an account accompanied by proper vouchers.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Andrew W. Smythe.

August 10. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I take pleasure in introducing to you Mr E. C. Luch, the auditor of accounts in this office, by whom, I forward your commission, and who will represent this office in the transfer by Mr Davis to you of the New Orleans Mint, and of the funds coin bullion, and property of the United States in his possession belonging to the Mint.

From his official duties and experience Mr Luch has become perfectly familiar with the business operations and accounts of the Mint, and will give you such information and assistance as will enable you to assume the office of Superintendent and enter upon the discharge of the duties. He will advise you as to what receipts will be given by you to the outgoing Superintendent, and what accounts of the Mint must be closed and reopened.

The Secretary of the Treasury having expressed the desire that you should enter upon duty at an early day, I trust that there will be little, if any delay in your doing so.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Capt. Mint.

August 10. 1882.

New Orleans.

I have to inform you that the President has appointed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Dr Andrew H Smyth to be Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans, in your place, resigned.

The Secretary decides that Mr Smyth shall enter upon duty as soon as convenient. I have therefore instructed Mr C. O. Luch of this Bureau to visit New Orleans for the purpose of superintending the transfer of the coin in your possession to the new Superintendent; and, as instructed in the dispatches of to day, it is decided that the transfer shall commence on Monday morning the 14th inst.

It will not be necessary to close the accounts with the operational Officers and you will therefore deliver to the proper operational Officer any Bullion which may be in your possession so that there will be nothing but coin in your hands to be turned over to your successor.

You will close your Expense Accounts as soon as convenient, and deposit the balances, unexpended with the Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans, to the credit of the proper appropriations.

The new Superintendent can pay the pay rolls for the entire month, except the salary due yourself, so that your final account of expenses need embrace only such supplies as may have been purchased up to this date.

Any additional instructions which may be necessary will be furnished you by Mr Luch.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Proctor.

Acting Director.

Capt. Mint.

August. 10. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir.

I return herewith for correction as indicated on this account, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30th 1882.

Your attention is especially directed to an overpayment of \$1.13 in the bill of the S. E. Co. for shipping eleven dollars

Sir;

1881. Dec. 3rd \$2000 Canton Min 301 miles \$3.61

Should be

217 "

2.48

I return the bill for coal and you will please have the Co refund the amount overpaid, and you will deduct it from the amount entered in your accounts as "Expenses of distribution", increasing the balance of silver profits on hand.

The Auditor of Accounts of this Bureau will be at your Mint in a few days and make any explanations necessary in regard to the changes in the accounts.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

August 10, 1882.

Sir:

Enclosed please find letter addressed to Prof N. C. Torrey with the request to hand it to him.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt Mint.
Philadelphia.

August 10, 1882.

Sir;

The package forwarded by you on the 9th instant per Express containing \$509.10 being value of the bullion forwarded by the Assayer of this Bureau is received.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 10, 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir:

The agitator led sent you for repair and returned by you per express on the 8th inst. is received.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.

August 10, 1882,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars, or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars to wit of—

James B. Colgate & Co 20,000 ounces at \$ 1.1438

Hendy & Cronie 100,000 " " 1.1436

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Assayer in Charge.

August 10, 1882.

St. Louis.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$294.80 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries — 1883. — — \$294.80

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Prof. N. G. Torg.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

August, 10, 1882.

Sir;

In accordance with your request of the 9th inst. leave of absence from the 15th inst. is granted you, for the purpose of visiting the exposition now in progress at Denver. Col. and I would be gratified if while there you will examine the ores and minerals on exhibition and on your return make a report to this office.

I regret that we have no appropriation from which your expenses can be paid.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston

Enclosure to letter on
page 288. N. Y. Assay Office

Acting Director.

Capt. Minit.
San Francisco.

August, 10, 1882.

Sir;

The following coins received during the month of July at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz:

2 Double Eagles	\$ 40.00
3 Standard Silver dollars	3.00
Total value	\$ 43.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

August 10, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho be increased fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said

Assay Office, with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco.
By telegraph.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mmt.

August 11, 1882.

San Francisco.

Appropriation bill approved August 5th. All new appointments under Act take effect from date of oath of office. Advances heretofore made under joint resolution will be charged against appropriations made in regular bill.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mmt.

August 11, 1882.

San Francisco.

There was no objection personally to any of the persons whose appointments as adjusters were not approved. The question with the Secretary was the expediency of the removal of the persons whose places they were to take.

If for the present you will appoint Miss Dotter Sargeant as an additional adjuster, and will notify this office by mail, I will cheerfully approve the appointment in the same manner.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mmt.

August 11, 1882.

Carleton.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for payment from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mmt. 1882. the account of the Nevada Prison, amounting to as approved by the Secretary of the Treasury \$12. for advertising proposals for supplies required for your Mmt.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

A. G. Lewis.

August, 10, 1882.

Ganville Va.

Sir;

Your letter of the 3rd instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing a three cent piece and requesting an examination to be made of the same, has been referred to this office.

The piece in question has been submitted to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia who pronounces it to be genuine, but made brittle from exposure to fire.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Minit.

August 11, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I enclose herewith draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for \$319.00 the value of special assay coins forwarded by you to this office for the six months ending June 30th 1882 and will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Minit.

August, 11. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I enclose herewith draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans for \$62.00 the value of special assay coins forwarded by you to this office for the six months ended June 30th 1882 and will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Minit.

August 11, 1882.

Carlton.

Sir,

I enclose herewith draft on Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco, for \$200. the value of Special Assay Coins forwarded by you to this office for the six months ended June 30th 1882, and will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Capt. Minit.

August 11, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

I enclose herewith draft on Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco for \$353. the value of Special Assay Coins, forwarded by you to this office for the six months ending June 30th 1882, and will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

August 12, 1882.

Boise City

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$750 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$250.</u>
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Wages of workmen	}	" <u>\$500.</u>
Contingent Expenses		

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

August 12, 1882,

Carson, Nev.

Sir,

I have this day requested that your Bullion fund be increased One hundred thousand dollars by a transfer of that amount in Standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Andrew W. Smythe Esq.

August 12, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I have to inform you that the Solicitor of the Treasury declines to approve the bond executed by you as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, because John J. Brown one of the sureties limits his liability to the sum of \$12,500. that is one fourth of the penalty of the bond.

It is necessary that the sureties severally bind themselves for the full penalty of the bond without any limitation whatever. I therefore enclose a new blank, also affidavit of surety and oath of office. I will thank you to execute another bond without delay and forward the same to this Office. The old bond and affidavits of surety is herewith returned.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

August 12, 1882.

New York.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst enclosing letter addressed to Mr. D. Davis Supt U.S.

Mint at New Orleans La. mailed to you by mistake.

Enclosed please find "Duplicate" letter addressed to Mr N. G. Loring, Assayer U. S. Assay Office New York with the request to hand it to him.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 12, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant I have to say that cases are desired for all the medals ordered for the War Department by the letter of this office under date of the 3rd instant.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

August 12, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of two thousand four hundred seventy two ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars (\$2,472.91) in gold coin and nine ⁸⁶/₁₀₀ dollars (\$9.86) in silver coin, making a total of two thousand four hundred eighty two ⁷⁷/₁₀₀ dollars (\$2,482.77) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1188, dated Aug 9th 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

August, 12, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegrams

C. O. Lusk.

August 14, 1882.

Care U. S. Mint. New Orleans.

The Solicitor declines to approve Smyth's bond because one of the parties limits his liability to one fourth of the penalty of the bond. The sureties must severally bind themselves for the full penalty of the bond. None sent new blanks.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Gen S. J. Benet.
Chief of Ordnance.

August 14th 1882

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 4th inst. I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Acting Superintendent Philadelphia Mint stating that it will be impossible to have the dies for the last approved Army marksmanship medal prepared and medals struck from the same by Sept. 15th proximo.

The other marksmanship medals requested by you will be struck and delivered without delay.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

August 14, 1882.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending July 31st 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Helena Mint.

August 14, 1882.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bulletin Accounts with abstracts and vouchers, for the quarter ending June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Mint.

New Orleans.

August 14, 1882.

Sir,

Referring to letter of 11th inst. addressed to this office by Samuel R. Stewart late a calculator in the Assayer's department of your Mint, wherein he states that he performed duty until the 10th inst. which claim is confirmed by endorsement of the Assayer.

The letter of the 7th inst. from this office, approving his removal to take effect on the 4th is hereby modified and his removal changed to take effect on the 10th inst. including which date he is properly entitled to pay.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans

August 14, 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expenses Account with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending July 31st 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco

August 14, 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending July 31st 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

August 14, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred million ⁰⁷/₁₀₀ dollars (\$13,619.07) in gold coin, and one hundred sixty three ¹²/₁₀₀ dollars (\$163.12) in silver coin, making a total of thirteen thousand, seven hundred eighty two ¹⁹/₁₀₀ dollars (\$13,782.19) being the net value of Bullion bullion forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for assay as shown by memorandum No's 1145 & 1146, dated Aug. 4th 1882 of gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Sept. Minit.

August, 15, 1882.

New Orleans.

It is necessary under Appropriation Act. when transfers are made from wages to salaries to make new appointments, and to forward new oaths. The date of appointments and oaths must be subsequent to the passage of the act.

Appointments to the position provided for in the act made before its passage are void.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Sept. Minit.

August 15, 1882.

Carlton.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ult. requesting orders for transportation to enable you to visit San Francisco on official business, I enclose herewith orders for transportation from Reno to San Francisco and return.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Henry C. Kendall Esq.

August, 15, 1882.

64 Carter St. Boston.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th instant requesting information relative to the amount of fractional silver coin struck during 1879 & 1880.

The reports of the Director of the Mint are made by fiscal year, and therefore the coinage of any one fiscal year represents the amount struck in the last six months of a calendar year and the succeeding six months of the ensuing year. The amount of fractional coin struck in the calendar 1879 & 1880 is as follows.

1879	Half dollars	\$2,950	1880	\$4,877.50
Quarters	"	3,675		3,738.75
Dimes		1,510		3,735.50

The report of the Director for 1882, will not be published before Dec proximo.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Nathan J. Marble Esq.
 Friendship, Adams Co.
 Wisconsin.

August 14th. 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 31st ult. requesting information relative to the octagon shaped fifty-dollar gold pieces, I have to state that they were not coined by the government, but by private enterprise, in the early days of California, and prior to the establishment of a mint on the Pacific Coast.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Henry Hammer Esq.
 710 Market Street. Phil.

August 15th. 1882.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward with the balance you are now manufacturing for the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. the following weights

Two (5) weights	500	Ozs	flat	tops.
One (1) "	300	"	"	"
One (1) "	100	"	"	"

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
 Sup. Mint. Phil.
 Sir.

August 16th. 1882.

I will thank you to inform this office when the Army marksmanship medals recently ordered and for which the dies are already prepared will be forwarded.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

